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**Japan's
Last Bid
Described**

Chicago, May 26.
The Japanese made
futile efforts toward de-
velopment of an atomic
bomb immediately after
Hiroshima, Dr. Austin
Brues said today.

Brues, member of the Atomic
Bomb Casualty Commission,
which investigated in Japan,
says in an article in the Bulletin
of Atomic Scientists that
Japan's futile attempt was dis-
closed by a "prominent Jap-
anese physicist."

He added: "It appears the
Japanese were aware of the
nature of the atomic bomb very
soon after it was dropped. This
was suspected within a few
hours and physicists proceeded
to bomb areas where they were
able to verify this assumption."

"One physicist was asked,
about two days after, to as-
semble as many physicists as
possible and develop an atomic
bomb. He was offered six
months in which to accomplish
this. He replied that he would
be unable to carry out such an
assignment under existing con-
ditions."

Soon after, he was called to
Tokyo where the General Staff
was in session and at 2:30 one
afternoon was asked for infor-
mation about a means of defence
against the atomic bomb.

He replied that the only de-
fence was to keep all aircraft
from flying over Japan. At
5 o'clock on the same afternoon,
the General Staff agreed to
surrender.—United Press.

**Railway
Station
Blown Up**

Jerusalem, May 27.
Four masked men today
placed explosives in the railway
station at Ramleh and de-
molished it. Casualties are
not known.

The men, alighted from a
train, planted the explosives,
and jumped back on the train
as it started moving.

The explosions wrecked the
two-story building and threw
the all-Arab town of Ramleh,
ten kilometres southeast of
Jaffa, into a panic. Several
Arabs were believed to be in
the station at the time of the
incident but there were no de-
tails from rescue parties.

An eye-witness said four
masked Jews jumped off the
train with suitcases which they
placed in the corridor of the
station which is located opposite
the R.A.F. base landing field.

They re-boarded the train and
travelled a short distance to a
road crossing where they jumped
off and entered a waiting car.
The car made off in the direc-
tion of Petah-Tikva where po-
lice bloodhounds were imme-
diately put on the trail.

A freight train was derailed
near Beniamin, south of Haifa,
today with considerable loss but
no casualties.—United Press.

Woman Injured

London, May 27.
An Exchange Telegraph dis-
patch from Jerusalem said today
the only casualty in the Ramleh
station explosion was the station-
master's wife who was slightly in-
jured.

The dispatch said a large crowd
of Arabs narrowly escaped in-
juries when the wall of the station
collapsed.—United Press.

THE WEATHER

A fairly deep depression appears to be
centred over the Gulf of Tongkin and
extends a trough of low pressure N of
the S. China Coast to Formosa. Pressure
is also low in a trough lying from N to
S through Central China and moving
eastward. A flat area of high pressure
appears to be located over the Pacific E
and S of Japan, and from this, feeble
centres of high pressure extend through
the Philippines to N Sumatra.

Today's Forecast: Moderate SW winds,
becoming fresh to strong at times; cloudy
with showers mainly during the morning.
Tomorrow's Weather:—
Maximum 85 deg. Fah.
Minimum 72 deg. Fah.
Sunshine 4.3 hours.

Rainfall, Trance, Total since Jan. 1—
874.5 mm. as against an average of
582.5 mm.
Readings at:
10 a.m. 100.8, 100.8, 100.8, 100.8
Bar. at 10 a.m. 100.8, 100.8, 100.8, 100.8
Rel. Humidity 71, 71, 71, 71
Wind Force 7, 7, 7, 7
Wind Direction SW, SW, SW, SW
Wind Force 10, 10, 10, 10

CHANGE IN THE BRITISH SCENE

**Prime Minister's Speech At Margate
First Defeat For
Government**

Margate, May 27.
The Premier, Clement Attlee's references to for-
eign affairs, made two days before the sched-
uled conference debate on Britain's interna-
tional policy, were delivered in a report on the
Labour Party's parliamentary programme.
Turning to domestic affairs, the Premier blamed
neglect of the coal mines under private owner-
ship for much of the nation's ills.

"No little of our trouble in
the industrial and economic
sphere is due to the fact that
our mines were neglected," he
said. "Now we have taken ac-
tion we can see a change in
the scene."

Mr. Attlee said Britain was
trying to promote world
economic stability in the inter-
est of all peoples. He appealed
for "hard work, good manage-
ment, true economy and fuller
use of science" to raise the na-
tion's standard of living. He
made no promise of early relief
from the austerity Britain has
been enduring since the end of
the war.

"You'll have to have control
as long as there are shortages,"
said, adding: "Freedom is a
relative thing. One man's free-
dom may be the enslavement of
thousands. We have to get
equal freedom for all."

He told the Party Foreign
Secretary Ernest Bevin's health
has improved and said the de-
puty Premier, Herbert Morrison,
has made good recovery from
his long illness.—Associated Press.

Way To Peace

Margate, May 27.
Prime Minister Attlee said
today that his Labour Govern-
ment seeks to show the world
that democratic socialism is the
way to peace, prosperity, free-
dom and happiness.

Mr. Attlee rebuked Party re-
bels for their charges that
Foreign Secretary Bevin's po-
lity is tied to the United States'
capitalistic coat tail and is
anti-Russian. He said Britain
is subservient to nobody and
seeks collaboration with all.

"I would like to express my
confidence in Mr. Bevin and his
collaborators. We are seeking
earnestly to build up harmony
and world peace. It is for us to
demonstrate that democratic
socialism is the way to peace,
prosperity, freedom and hap-
piness. We are seeking to
promote the economic develop-
ment of the world in the in-
terests of all people. We are
seeking to develop the resources
of the world for a higher stand-
ard of living for all," he said.

**Death
Penalty
To Go**

London, May 26.
The Soviet Union to-
day announced the aboli-
tion of the death penalty
and thus became the
first major power of the
postwar world to ban
capital punishment.

The official announcement,
over Radio Moscow, said the
action stemmed from Russia's
conviction that peace was as-
sured for the world for a long
time, "in spite of attempts by
aggressive elements to provoke
war." It said the unprecedent-
ed action also resulted from the
"exceptional devotion" of the
Soviet peoples to the Soviet
motherland.

Beginning today (Monday),
the Supreme Council of the So-
viet Union said, all death sen-
tences would be commuted to
imprisonment up to 25 years.
The official announcement did
not say how many death sen-
tences would be commuted by
the decree, nor whether the de-
cree would be effective in areas
occupied by Soviet Russia, such
as Eastern Germany and Aus-
tria.

The broadcast said the action
was taken at the request of
Russia's vast trade unions.—
United Press.

**NAKED MAN IN
HYDE PARK**

London, May 27.
Hyde Park strollers today
witnessed a new type of
orator.

A naked young man with
blond hair ran into the
speaker's corner brandishing
a knife and shouting at
passersby. Women screamed
and police rushed forward.

Before they reached him the
unidentified man stabbed him-
self and collapsed. He was
rushed to hospital.—United Press.

**Personal
Rivalry
In Italy**

Rome, May 26.

The bitter rivalry be-
tween the Christian De-
mocrat leader, Signor
Aldo de Gasperi, and the
Socialist leader, Signor
Pietro Nenni, ap-
pears to be one of the
main problems in Italy's
present crisis, which was
no nearer solution today.

Signor de Gasperi's pledge to
enlarge his former Coalition
Cabinet—the resignation of
which precipitated the crisis—is
meeting with rigid opposition
from Signor Nenni.

Speaking in Venice at the
week-end Nenni said that de
Gasperi was the "tool of reac-
tionary classes" and respon-
sible for the present crisis.

Old personal differences be-
tween the two men contribute to
make the situation more dif-
ficult.

It remains to be seen whether
de Gasperi will be able to form
a new Government on an en-
larged basis, including both
groups of Socialists, Liberals
and Communists.—Reuter.

**Ovation For The
Queen Mother**

London, May 26.
Queen Mary celebrated her 80th birthday today
to the booming of artillery salutes and cheers
of multitudes of her former subjects—and
with a snub to the Duchess of Windsor, who
was not invited to the birthday luncheon at
Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Windsor was
also not present, but his absence
was one of choice because his
mother still is unrelenting in
her determination never to see
her Baltimore-born woman for
whom her son gave up the
throne.

Among the guests was
Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten,
formerly Prince Philip of
Greece.

This is additional evidence—
if more was needed—that the
handsome naval officer is the
choice of Princess Elizabeth as
consort. Their engagement is ex-
pected to be announced this
year.

With London in festive mood
and thronged with visitors on
Whit Monday holiday tours, the
birthday celebrations became
one continuous ovation. Crowds
numbering thousands cheered
an upright old lady along the
two blocks from Marlborough
House to Buckingham Palace.

There were tears in Queen
Mary's eyes as she nodded her
acknowledgment.
The place in front of
Buckingham Palace was jammed
and after repeated cheers of
"God bless her" and "Happy
Birthday"—both shouted and
sung—the Queen Mother ap-
peared on the Palace balcony.—
United Press.

London, May 26.
Queen Mary today received
from the people of London one
of the greatest ovations of her
long life on the occasion of her
80th birthday.

**Nanking
Invite To
Communists**

Nanking, May 27.
An invitation to partici-
pate in the People's
Political Council's meet-
ings was broadcast late
night to the Communist
leaders, including Gen-
eral Mao Tse-tung,
Chairman of the Chinese
Communist Party, and
General Chou En-lai,
chief Communist nego-
tiator.

The action followed quickly
after the adoption yesterday
of a resolution by the PPC,
providing that a message be sent
as a definite step towards the
reopening of peace negotiations.

Although no indication as to
the Communist reaction to the
Government's offer is as yet
evident, political circles are
dubious that the invitation will
be accepted. They pointed to
the fact that the Communists
did not respond affirmatively to
the earlier notification of the
PPC plenary meeting.

The PPC addressed its dis-
patch to the seven Communist
councillors—Mao Tse-tung,
Lin Chu-han, Tun Pi-wu (head
of the Communist relief or-
ganisation) Chou En-lai, Wu
Yu-cheng, Teng Ying-chao and
Chen Shao-yu.

The full text of the message
sent through the Central Broad-
casting Administration at mid-
night, was as follows:

"The present session of the
People's Political Council is of
the opinion that peace is the
unanimous demand of the
Chinese people and all our
colleagues have determined to
send a message to you, the
Communist members of the
PPC, asking you to come to
Nanking to attend the Council's
meetings and discuss national
affairs.—Reuter.

**TSINGTAO PORT
"OPENED"**

Shanghai, May 27.
The harbour of Tsingtao
henceforth will be open to
ships chartered by the Shang-
hai Fuels Control Commission
and CNRRA, Government
chartered ships for the lifting
of UNRRA relief supplies and
barter goods, ships of the
Allied Command for repatri-
ation of overseas Chinese
and Japanese and ships in
distress and seeking refuge
and refuelling.

Foreign ships hitherto have
been barred from Tsingtao
unless they had permits from
the Executive Yuan or the
Ministry of Communications.
—Central News.

**Far Eastern
Economic
Conference**

Shanghai, May 27.
Sixty delegates will attend
the opening session of the UNO
Far Eastern Economic
(Economic) Conference here
from June 16 to June 30, ac-
cording to an announcement
this morning.

The delegates, some of whom
are already here, will come
from United States, Britain,
Russia, France, Australia, Spain,
India, the Philippines and the
Netherlands.
Discussions will centre mainly
on the economic conditions of
various Far Eastern nations.
The FECC delegates will re-
port on conditions of these
areas.—Associated Press.

Family to convey his greetings
personally to his mother and
he remained with her for about
three-quarters of an hour. A
waiting crowd cheered him as
he left his mother.—Reuter.

**A BRIGHT
SUGGESTION**

Sydney, May 26.
Mr. A. C. Cessby,
Queensland representative of
the League of Rights organi-
zation, today suggested that
Princess Elizabeth should be
appointed Governor General
of Australia.

Mr. Cessby said the ap-
pointment would afford the
Princess excellent training
and would help to unite the
people of the Empire.—
United Press.

**Amritsar
Still In
Uproar**

New Delhi, May 26.

Rioting with explo-
sions and arrests were
reported today from
Amritsar, Sikh Holy
City and communal
trouble spot in Punjab.
Crowd clashes occurred
in two areas of the City.

Six explosions took place,
after which the police cordoned
off the areas and made 60
arrests. One civilian was killed
during the day.

An armoured vehicle, with-
out a registration number, was
stopped by the police in
Moghulpura, suburb of Lahore,
today and the driver, who had
a hidden number plate inside
his clothes, was arrested. An-
other person was arrested for
carrying a pistol believed to be
Royal Air Force property.

In Calcutta eight persons
were killed and 21 injured in
communal disturbances today.
—Reuter.

**Grim Scene During
Hanging Of Nazis**

Landsberg, May 27.
Twenty-two men who ran the Nazi death mill at
Mauthausen concentration camp were hanged
today on Landsberg Prison's twin black gal-
lows in the first stage of the largest mass hang-
ing of German war criminals.

They marched to the gallows
at seven-minute intervals.
Twenty-seven other Mauthausen
guards and officials will be
hanged tomorrow.

**POLICE STONED
IN SHANGHAI**

Shanghai, May 27.
The municipal authorities have released 97 stu-
dents arrested in the past week for disorders
but the students today are threatening further
demonstrations as a result of a number of
clashes with the police.
Between 30 and 40 students of the Chinan Univer-
sity were arrested late yesterday as a result of
clashes with the police, during which five
policemen were injured. The students stoned
police preventing their demonstration. The
police admitted that some students were in-
jured.

The campus was placed under
police surveillance on reports that
the students were planning a de-
monstration and the students
tried to break up the police for-
mation with rocks.

Trouble also broke out at the
Utopia University with at least 11
students arrested and three be-
lieved injured in minor clashes.
More than 10 were injured at
Fudan University while 16 stu-
dents of different schools were
arrested in downtown Shanghai
for making seditious speeches,
passing out handbills condemning
the government action and pasting
slogans on the walls.

Worked Up Again

A mass meeting held by the
Fudan University students pro-
mised to resume classes today
after Mayor K. C. Wu promised
the release of 97 arrested students,
but today the arrest of 40 more
further inflamed the students and
it was feared that they would try
to demonstrate despite the govern-
ment threat to meet such activi-
ties with force.

Most of the released students
were from the Chiao Tung Univer-
sity. Eleven students of the Shang-
hai Law College, meanwhile, were
turned over to the district court,
and sentenced to from five to seven
years' imprisonment on charges
of stimulating social unrest, but
of stimulating social unrest, but

Ironie Situation

In Nanking, students called a
one-week strike protesting against
the arrest of students in Shang-
hai. In Shanghai, students were,
ironically, arrested in protesting
against violence used against stu-
dent demonstrations in Nanking.
The students also protested against
the closure of four newspapers in
Shanghai as a violation of the
freedom of the press. They repre-
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**Sino-British
Agreement
Forecast**

Shanghai, May 27.
The Sino-British civil avi-
ation pact, awaiting signature,
throws open 16 airports in
China and British areas to air
operations of the two coun-
tries, according to a report in
today's Sin Wan-pao, one of
the leading Chinese papers.

The airports are said to in-
clude Hong Kong, Singapore,
Penang, London, Canton,
Shanghai, Tientsin, Hankow,
Amoy, Tsingtao, Kwangchow-
wan, Swatow and Wenchow.

The air agreement was ne-
gotiated by a British air mission,
headed by Sir John Baldwin,
after weeks of discussion with
Ministry of Communications
officials in Nanking.—Reuter.

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Today's Events

May 28—H.K. Realty & Trust Co. annual meeting, noon.

Coming Events

May 29—H.K. Tramways Ltd. annual meeting, Jardine's office, noon.
 May 31—China Provident annual and extraordinary meetings, Jacobean Room, H.K. Hotel, noon.
 May 31—China Emporium annual meeting, 9 p.m.
 June 6—A.S. Watson & Co. Ltd. annual meeting, HK Hotel, 11.30 a.m.
 June 7—Seventh Extra Race Meeting.
 June 9—H.K. & Whampoa Decks extraordinary meeting, noon.
 June 27—Indo-China S.N. Co. Ltd. annual general meeting, noon.

88 Squadron C.O. Leaves

Squadron Leader W. E. Oles-Skan, A.F.C., 88 Squadron's popular Commanding Officer, left the Colony yesterday afternoon on board H.M.T. "Dilwara" en route for the United Kingdom.

The Squadron Leader, who is returning to Britain on expiry of his overseas tour, assumed command of the local R.A.F. Squadron flying last squadron at the end of March this year, having formerly been a Flight Commander with No. 209 Sanderford Squadron in Singapore.

His association with 88 Squadron dated back much further than this, however, for towards the end of last year Squadron Leader Oles-Skan was in command of the squadron for a brief spell when a serious illness unfortunately terminated.

COMMANDOS IN COURT

The highway robbery at Austin Road, near Gun Club Hill, on the afternoon of May 22, in which Leung Kim-sheng was allegedly assaulted by two Europeans and robbed of a watch, a pair of "Parker 51" fountain pens and \$63 in cash, was recalled before Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Victor John Brown, 25, and James Andrew Miller, 26, both of 45 Commando, charged with the offence were, on the application of DSI J. M. Forrest, remanded in Military custody for one week for further inquiries.

INOUE'S APPLICATION
Court Grants Leave To Appeal

Misdirection Of Jury Claim

An application by Inouye Kanao otherwise known as "Slap Happy" and "Kamloops Kid" for leave to appeal against the sentence of death passed on him for High Treason, was granted yesterday by the Full Court comprising Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisne Judge) and Mr. T. J. Gould.

The appeal is based on the ground that the Trial Judge was wrong in law and misdirected the jury in directing them that the appellant at all material times was a British Subject.

Mr. A. Lonsdale appeared, for the Crown, while Inouye was represented by Mr. Charles Loseby.

Before the hearing commenced, Mr. Justice Williams drew the attention of Mr. Loseby to the fact that both he and Mr. Justice Gould had a personal acquaintance with Inouye and enquired if there would be any objection to the appeal being heard by the Court as constituted. Mr. Loseby replied that there was no objection.

Inouye has lost much weight since his last appearance in Court. The air of confidence which he displayed during the original trial had disappeared and Inouye sat hunched in the dock, closely following every word uttered by his counsel.

Mr. Loseby, in opening, said that he was only notified last week that he had been assigned as counsel for the purpose of this appeal. If the Court would allow his application for leave to appeal, he would ask for an adjournment of the hearing of the appeal itself to a later date so that he might have an opportunity of studying more closely the summing up of the Chief Justice.

Continuing, Mr. Loseby said that the charge was based on more than twenty alleged overt acts of treason in the months of June, July and August 1944, in that he, Inouye, acted as a contra espionage agent for the Japanese and acted against British Subjects engaged loyally in war activities.

Governing Word

Mr. Loseby referred to the concluding words of the indictment which read: "traitorously adhered to and aided and comforted the said enemy in parts beyond the seas without the realm of England to wit, in the Colony of Hong Kong." The governing word was, said Mr. Loseby, "traitorously."

Inouye did not deny that he adhered to the King's enemies, but he did deny that he did so traitorously. Inouye denied that he was, at any material time, a British Subject. It was the contention of Inouye that he assisted at all material times as a Japanese subject.

A long line of witnesses was called by the prosecution for the purpose of proving that as a contra espionage agent and a member of the Japanese Gendarmes, Inouye acted vigorously and even cruelly. None of the witnesses were cross-examined. At the end of the trial it was submitted that the only disputable issue was whether or not Inouye, at all material times, owed allegiance to His Majesty the King.

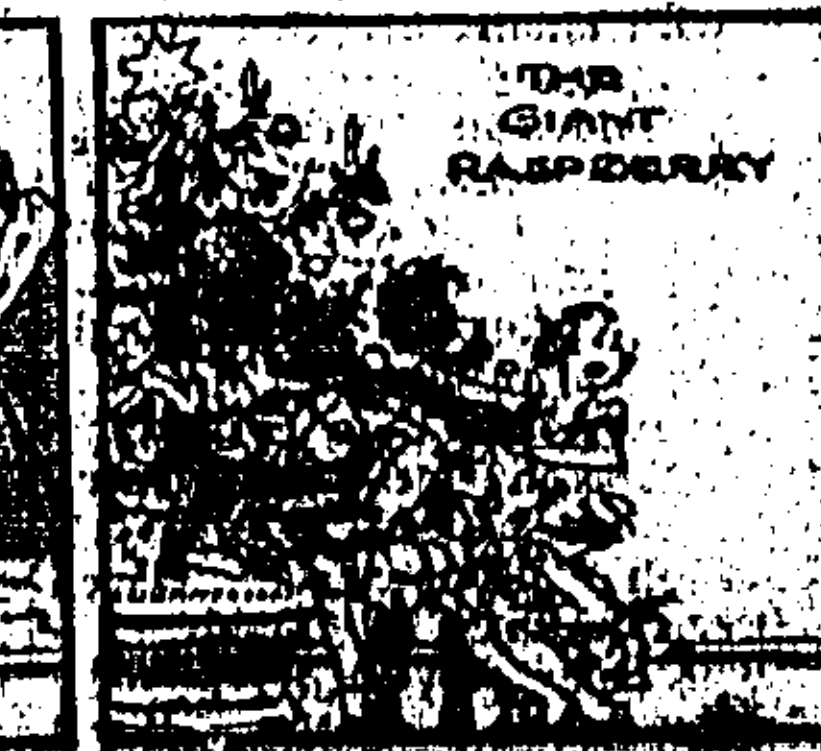
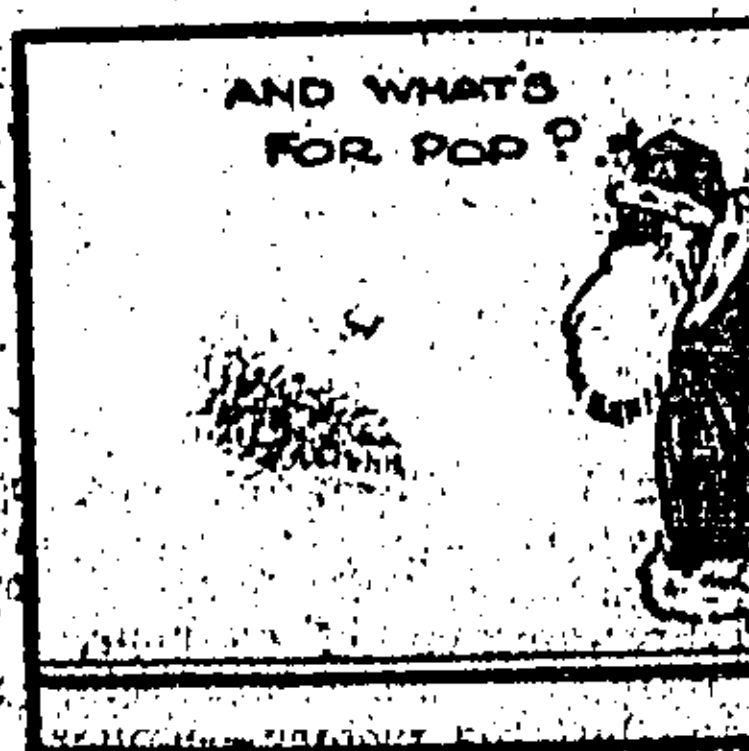
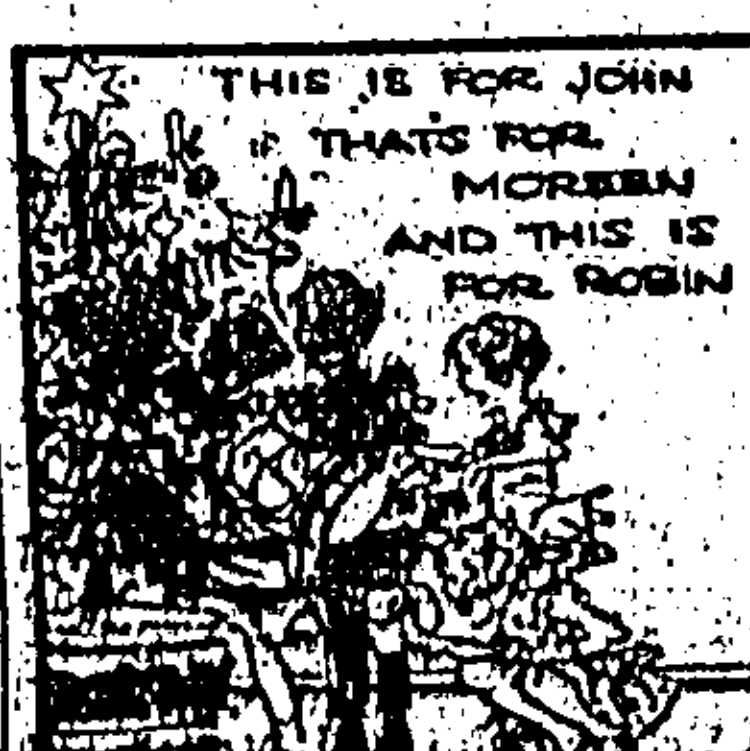
Mr. Loseby submitted that the onus was on the prosecution to prove to the satisfaction of the jury (a) a duty and (b) a breach of that duty. Mr. Loseby contended that the prosecution at no time discharged the onus of proving that there was a duty at all material times. Concluding his application, Mr. Loseby submitted that the Chief Justice had followed the course of Mr. Justice Tucker in the case of William Joyce.

Not Usual

Mr. Justice Gould said that it was not usual to make an application as in the present case.

In reply, Mr. Loseby said

POP



Rounding Up Street Walkers

The absence of street walkers in certain areas of late has, the "China Mail" was informed yesterday, been brought about by the introduction of a new system by the police—a system which has caused consternation and sent ladies of the night into hiding, at least temporarily.

Today, any girl who the police have reason to suspect is liable to be picked up without warning, although she may simply be standing at a street corner and not actually soliciting.

After being picked up, the girl is sent to Police Headquarters, where finger-prints and a photograph are taken. The girl is then released, but warned that should she have three arrests of this type marked against her, she may be expelled from the Colony.

Under The Counter Deals In Milk

Remarking that "six months ago the overcharge was much more," and that "now it has gone down to a reasonable one," Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday refused Mr. J. H. G. Pitman's request for a serious view to be taken of an excessive charge of 20 cents on a tin of "Eagle" condensed milk, and imposed a fine of \$20 on the defendant.

The offender, Yu Chui of Chui Chen Ho, 213 Shanghai Street, was charged with having sold one tin of "Eagle" condensed milk at \$1.20 instead of \$1. In asking for a serious view to be taken, Mr. Pitman of the S.T. & I. Department, stated that the brand was the most popular one among the Chinese and that there was a lot of "under the counter business" done. Furthermore, added Mr. Pitman, quite a quantity of this milk has been smuggled across the border.

When the case against Chui Yu-san of the Pak Sau Tong, 79 Wu Sung Street, was called, Mr. Pitman informed the Court that defendant drew such a large crowd by his remarks that the S.T.I. inspectors had to seek Police assistance before they could obtain defendant's name. Chan was fined \$60 for overcharging ten cents on a packet of 11 Aspro.

The summons against Ting Yu-tin of the Tin Kee Noodle Shop, 113 Tung Choi Street, was adjourned sine die for the matter to be referred to the S.T. & I. Department. Ting was accused of having sold one catty of noodles for \$1.20 instead of 60 cents. Defendant pleaded that there were five or six qualities in his shop and that the one purchased was a superior quality made with eggs. He had, he said, other qualities ranging from 50 cents to \$1.20 per catty.

Mr. Pitman pointed out to His Worship that the subject of noodles was gone into thoroughly by the Control Advisory Board, and that the maximum price of 60 cents per catty was inclusive of all ordinary ingredients. If the manufacturers desired to use eggs in the making they should consult with the S.T.I. and have the price assessed.

His Worship recommended that the defendant should accompany Mr. Pitman to the S.T.I. offices and there thrash the matter out with the Head of the Department. Other summonses dealt with were:

Yam Sun-cheun of Chuen On Tong, 63 Leichikok Road, for selling one packet of Aspro (77s) for \$1.60 (\$1.10)—\$35.

Cheung Pak of Mee Ah, Dundas Street, for selling one catty of "Falmolive" soap for \$1.00 (70 cents)—\$25.

So Fui of Tai Tak Tong, 471 Shanghai Street, for selling one packet of Aspro (27s) for \$1.40 (\$1.10)—\$35.

Chan Kung of Man Yuen Tong, 53 Cheung Sha Wan Road, for selling one packet of Aspro (27s) for \$1.40 (\$1.10)—\$35.

Yeung Yu-kung of Shiu Cho Tong, 35 Cheung Sha Wan Road, for selling one packet of Aspro (27s) for \$1.40 (\$1.10)—\$35.

TO BE WED

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:

Louis Rampling Whant, 90 Waterloo Road, Civil Servant, to Phyllis Enid Langley nee Pennell, Harbour View Hotel.

Leandro Maria Rodriguez, 299 Prince Edward Road, Clerk, to Lydia Ignatia Tangap Rozario, Hong Kong Electric Sub-Station.

Lower Lascar Row, Stenographer, to Ebrahim Hassan, 242 Lockhart Road, Clerk, Central Police Station, to We Pui Chun, 1 Stewart Road, 3rd floor.

Singapore Gets Jet Planes

TWO OF THE LATEST R.A.F. JET-PLANES, CRATED AND SHIPPED TO FAR EAST AIR COMMAND, FROM THE U.K., HAVE RECENTLY ARRIVED AT THE R.A.F. STATION AT TENGHAI IN SINGAPORE, AND ARE NOW IN COURSE OF ASSEMBLY PREPARATORY TO UNDERGOING TROPICAL AIR TRIALS.

Floted by two of the R.A.F.'s most experienced jet pilots, Flight Lieutenants J.W.G. Wilson and C.W. Coulthard, these Meteor IV aircraft, which assembled, will be flown on exhaustive air tests to determine whether their performance will be adversely affected by climatic conditions prevalent in the Far East. These trials, of an anticipated two-months' duration, will involve over thirty hours flying.

A number of R.A.F. technicians from England, supplemented by representatives from the aircraft firms of Rolls-Royce, Ltd., and Gloster, Ltd., are supervising the erection of the aircraft and will act in an advisory capacity when the impending operation of the jets begins.

Universally acknowledged as being the top-ranking fighter in the world, the Meteor IV, a modification of which broke the world's alpspeed record recently at 610 m.p.h., has a top speed, when in operational trim, of 590 miles per hour and a ceiling of 50,000 feet, a ceiling to which it can climb at the rate of 3,000 feet a minute (three miles in slightly more than two minutes). It is powered by two Rolls Royce W.2B jet-units, and has the advantage of a high rate of roll which its clipped wings provide.

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During the occupation, he did consider the possibility of leaving the Colony, but having been born here and never having left it before, he could not find his way to leave. Furthermore, he had a family of five members, including himself. At the time he wished to leave the Colony, he did not have the means of doing so and could not even find food to support his family.

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Claimed To Be Fireman

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APPEAL BY EX-KENSA DISMISSED

An appeal by Li Kwai-sang alias Li Wu against the sentence of seven years' imprisonment with hard labour passed on him by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould on Jan. 30, when found guilty by a jury on six out of ten counts of alleged collaboration, was yesterday dismissed by the Full Court comprising Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, and Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisne Judge).

According to the Crown's case at the trial, Li assisted the Japanese Gendarmes and after the re-occupation of Hong Kong, joined the police Force under an assumed name. He denied taking part in any of the arrests alleged, except that of Cheung Mok-for.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, who appeared for the prosecution at the original trial, again appeared for the Crown yesterday. Li was not legally represented at the trial or at yesterday's appeal.

Addressing the Court, Li said that he was indicted in the Lower Court on 11 counts, one of which was later withdrawn by the prosecution. Of the remaining ten counts, he was found guilty on six.

Li said that when the Trial Judge passed sentence, the latter said that he had been acquitted on all counts accusing him of assisting in the torture and interrogation of arrested persons and that the verdict of guilty referred only to those charges concerning his activities during a period of one or two years.

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Urban Council Tributes

Two new members took their seat on the Urban Council at its fortnightly meeting yesterday. They were Dr. A.M. Rodrigues and Mr. W.F. Simmons, replacing Messrs. F.G. Nigel and R.Y. Frost on their pending departure from the Colony.

Before the meeting proceeded with its business the Chairman, Dr. J.P. Fehly, O.B.E., expressed the Council's appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the two outgoing members. They had given much of their time to work on the select committees as well as the Bathing Beaches Committee, and the community was under a debt of gratitude to them.

Dr. Fehly also welcomed the two incoming members, and felt sure they would serve the Council as well as their predecessors. The appointment of Dr. A.M. Rodrigues in place of Mr. F.G. Nigel to the Basements, Eating-houses and Restaurants, and Wells and Pools Select Committees; and of Mr. W.F. Simmons in place of Mr. R.Y. Frost to the Cemeteries, Dangerous and Offensive Trades, and Hawkers Select Committees, was then passed by Council.

The remaining business of the meeting was the rejection of two applications for restaurant licenses, three for eating-house licenses, four for food shops licenses, one for a food preserving establishment, and one for a r.g. The Chairman announced that the select committees after investigation had recommended refusal.

MACAO MOTOR ACCIDENT

Mr. Antonio Teles da Vasconcelos, the Chief Constable of Macao, on Wednesday drove a Government House car upon a sidewalk in San Malo, smashing the show case of a coffee shop and a tobacco stall and knocking down an old woman.

The woman, a servant of the Union Normal School, was transported to the Medical Centre in a semi-conscious condition. Our Own Correspondent.

Four alleged members of various triad societies in Yaumatei, arrested by DSI C. Pope on Sunday, were remanded for 48 hours by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday. DSI Pope stated that additional charges might be brought against Chan Chun-hung, Wong, Jat-kuen, Yuen Kan-chuen and Ling Sin-bun.



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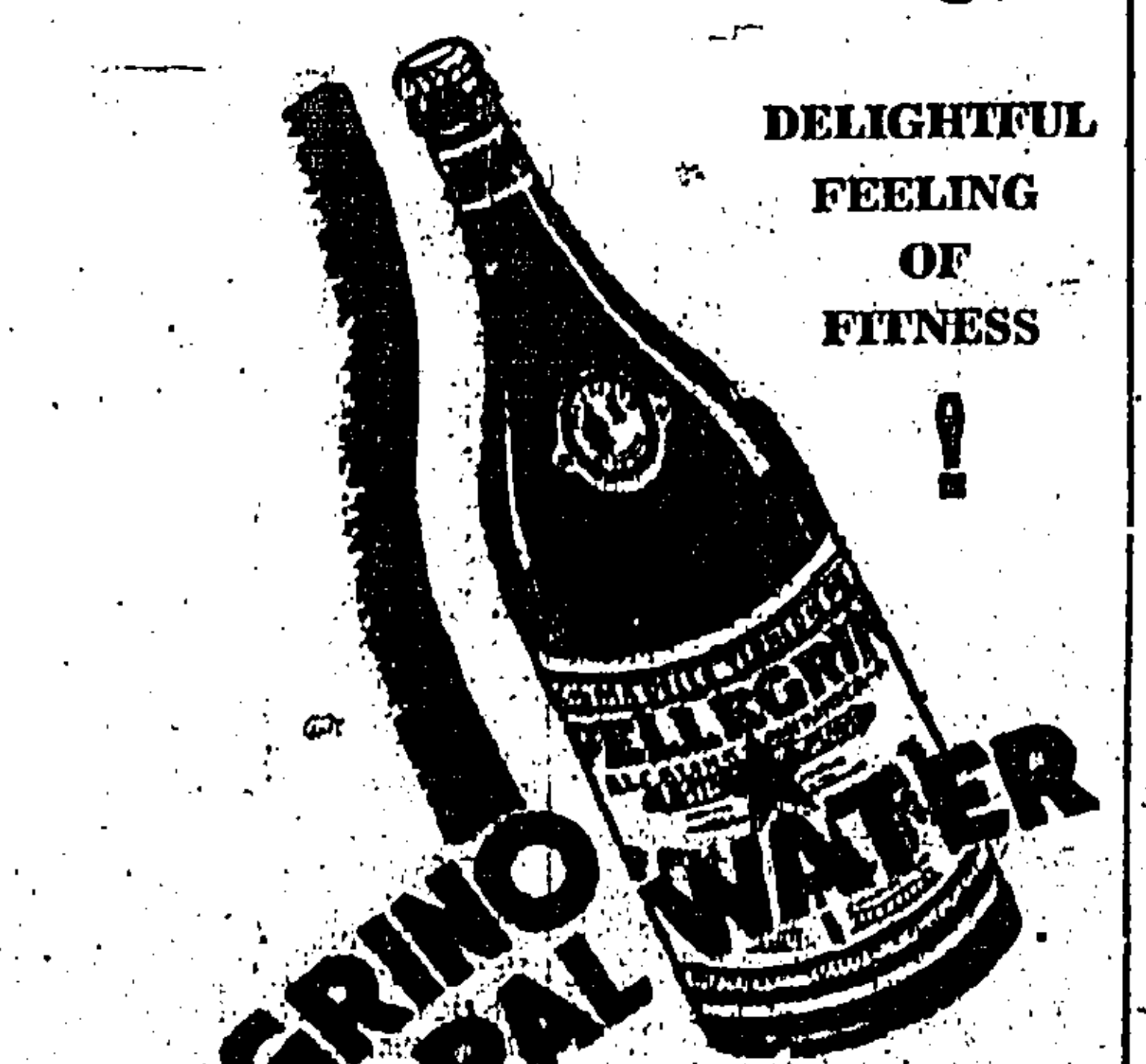
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Viceroy's Views On Transfer Of Power In India

Nehru's Bid For Unity

London, May 26. Despite some divergence of opinion on the plan for procedure for the transfer of power in India, the British Cabinet is unanimously agreed on the wisdom of effecting the transfer as quickly as possible, to obviate the dangers of the interim period when British responsibility greatly exceeds British power in India, informed quarters said today.

The Viceroy, Viscount Mountbatten, will continue conversations with British Cabinet Ministers tomorrow, when the topic will be the procedure to be adopted if the Indian leaders at the June 2 conference finally decide on partition of India in preference to the British Cabinet Mission's plan.

Although he will make a final effort to convince the Indian leaders of the wisdom of accepting the Cabinet Mission's proposals, Lord Mountbatten already has made it known that he believes the division of India into independent areas will be the only suggestion sufficiently acceptable to the Indian leaders, enabling the British Government to hand over power to definite recipients.

The Viceroy has stressed, however, that such procedure must leave many issues which cannot be settled by agreement during the British time-table for transfer and he has voiced the conviction that "absolute chaos" must overtake Northern India when rival factions are left to sort things out according to their own ideas.

Plebiscites

Discussions now cover the question of plebiscites on inclusion in Hindustan or Pakistan, which "informed quarters" may be applied to the Northwest Frontier and probably Assam.

There will be no detailed discussion on the reorganization of the Indian Army. The British Cabinet agree that any decision in this respect must be shelved until the Indian leaders' final word on matters of national defence is known.

There will be no special meeting of the full Cabinet before the Viceroy's return to India on Thursday. Prime Minister Attlee is returning to London from the Labour Party conference at Margate on Tuesday and it is believed that he will have a final conversation with the Viceroy prior to the latter's departure.

Nehru's Goal

In the meantime, Pandit Nehru's adherents continue their

unflagging efforts in the cause of united India, which Nehru has reiterated is the Congress Party's goal.

Mr. Nehru's personal representative, Mr. Krishna Menon, is going to Margate on Wednesday, apparently to contact Labour Party Ministers who are attending the Party conference. It is believed Mr. Menon will make a special point of contacting the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, who was not present at last Friday's Cabinet meeting which discussed decisions on India.

Mr. Bevin has persistently voiced his conviction that there can be no solution other than a United India with Dominion status and Mr. Menon apparently hopes to utilize Mr. Bevin's influence to the full in efforts to save as much of India as possible from communal separatism.—United Press.

Colonial Policy Debated

Margate, May 26. A resolution on colonial policy was today accepted by the Labour Party Executive urging the Government not only to abandon imperialism of the past but to make preparation for it by colonial development and an effective fight against disease, poverty, ignorance and malnutrition.

It asked that:

1. Officials appointed as governors should be competent civil administrators.
2. The higher administrative and technical posts should be in practice, open to the native population.
3. Expert and administrative staffs should be appointed from those who are in sympathy with the local people.
4. The coloured races in the Crown Colonies should be given equal status and opportunity with the white races and to this end, the standard of general education should be raised.

5. Industrial and agricultural development to be given priority to ensure full employment and better standards of living for the coloured people who should be accorded full trade union rights.

6. Steps should be taken to ensure that Socialist measures outlined by the Colonial Office are fully explained to all officials concerned so that schemes may be carried out quickly and effectively.

Minister Approved

During the discussion, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, was described, both from the floor and from the platform, as the best Colonial Secretary Britain had ever had.

Professor Laski, replying, said that the resolution was pushing against open doors, giving details of the work that the Government had already done to meet the points raised by it. He described as an "important blow to the colour bar" the directive from the Colonial Office for the employment of natives in the higher grades of administration at the same salary as for white men.

Protest

The most impassioned and the most loudly applauded speech of the conference so far came from Mr. Rhys Davies, the white-haired member of

BLOOD AND THUNDER

Southport, May 26. National Teachers' Association delegates today passed a resolution at their annual conference, condemning "dangerous and gruesome American magazines and comics coming into Britain at the expense of much-needed literature in schools."—United Press.

Struggle For Power

London, May 26. Informed Albanian quarters said today that two opposing Communist factions in Albania were engaged in a bitter struggle for power, resulting from the country's deteriorating economy.

A military group, led Lt.-Gen. Xoxe, reportedly has triumphed so far over the intellectual faction led by Professor Seyfullan Maleshova, Russian-educated, who was dismissed as Education Minister two weeks ago for alleged "incompetence and negligence."

Xoxe, supreme police chief and Minister of the Interior, is supported by wartime guerrilla fighters.—United Press.

Communist Threats In Manchuria

Nanking, May 26. Citizens and military leaders of Szepeingai have telegraphed to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, that they will defend to the last their city, which is now under Communist attack, press dispatches received here today stated.

The Communists were last reported to have reached a point five miles from Szepeingai, strategic railway junction half way between Changchun and Mukden. The Communists moved on the city after capturing Kuokiatien and Lahu, railway towns 17 and 12 miles respectively north of Szepeingai.

Gunfire is audible in Szepeingai, according to these reports, and the Communists today launched one attack on the airfield west of the town but were repulsed.

Other reports stated that the tension in Changchun has relaxed to some extent with the arrival of Government transport planes bearing much needed supplies.

In Jehol Province, severe street fighting has broken out in Lunghua, 20 miles north of Chengteh, the provincial capital. The southern defences of the city collapsed on May 23 when the Communists took two strong points on the outskirts.—Reuter.

ITALIAN LEADER PASSES

Rome, May 25. Carlo Scialoja, 81, Under-Secretary of State for Aviation in two post-war Bonomi Cabinets, died at his home here today.

In 1912 he founded the Nationalist Association and opposed Fascism throughout Mussolini's regime. He edited the magazine, "Foro Italiano."—United Press.

Nazi Buried With Swastika In Dublin

Dublin, May 26. Dr. Hermann Goertz, Nazi spy who killed himself rather than return to Germany, was buried today with a Nazi Swastika flag draped on his coffin.

The funeral services for the 56-year-old spy, who crunched a vial of cyanide in his mouth last Friday, were witnessed by 600 persons. Wreaths of sympathy decorated the graveside. One wreath read: "In sympathy and regret for the German soldier who was faithful unto his death."

After the coffin was lowered into the grave an unidentified girl, believed to be a German, had the Nazi flag removed and departed with it.

The bearers included Dan Breen, onetime noted Republican leader and now member of the Irish Parliament. The burial was at Dena Grange cemetery near Dublin.

Goertz, who once was parachuted into Britain to spy for Germany, killed himself in the presence of Dublin detectives, who told him that he was to be deported to Germany.

The Irish "Times," in an article today, claimed that Goertz was no small fry spy but actually a member of the German High Command. According to the "Times," Goertz wrote to the Eire Prime Minister, Eamon De Valera, expressing fear of what would happen if he were sent back to Germany.

The "Times" said Goertz was afraid that he would have to face de-Nazification because of his record in the SS or would "just disappear." According to the Irish "Times," he had sought to obtain permanent asylum in Eire.—United Press.

LORD PAKENHAM RETURNS

London, May 26. Lord Pakenham, chief of the department for German and Austria Control Commission Affairs, who returned to Britain by air today from a weekend visit to the British Zone in Germany, will take the early opportunity by reporting to Mr. Ernest Bevin. He is expected to travel to Margate tomorrow to give a full account of his discussions on the Ruhr coal production to the Foreign Secretary when he arrives at the Labour Party conference on Wednesday.—Reuter.

Palestine Inquiry Opens In N.Y.

Lake Success, N.Y., May 26. Dr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, opening the first session today of the United Nations Palestine Investigating Committee, said: "You form the special United Nations Committee which represents the hope and faith of millions."

"Their confidence in the ability of the United Nations to fulfil its momentous mission will be greatly influenced by the results of your work."

"As a committee you will also inspire the confidence of the United Nations by studying the challenging problem of Palestine—fraught with so much emotion and passion, surrounded by so many appeals for humanity and for justice, in the characteristic spirit of a special committee impartial, but not detached, objective but deeply comprehensive."

"There is no doubt that your findings as regards facts and your proposals will greatly assist the General Assembly in discharging its responsibilities."

"I sincerely hope that your report will prepare the way for a just and workable solution, which will be acceptable to all."

Today's meeting began with many of the chief delegates absent and replaced by alternates. Among the observers were Faris El Khoury (Syria), Mr. Harold Beasley, of the Colonial Office, and observers from the State Department.—Reuter.

American Shot Dead In Vienna

Vienna, May 26. The United States Provost Marshal's Office was today investigating the fatal shooting of a War Department civilian employee in his billet here yesterday.

The Provost Marshal said another War Department employee, George F. Carter of Portland, Oregon, was charged with firing the pistol shot which struck the victim in the neck, causing death a short time later.

The announcement said the shooting occurred in Carter's quarters in the American zone of Vienna. Carter is employed by the 62nd Ordnance Group.

The name of the dead American was withheld temporarily, pending notification of next of kin.—United Press.

Albanian Protest

LAKE SUCCESS, MAY 26. ALBANIA TODAY CLAIMED TO THE UNITED NATIONS THAT 43 GREEK PLANES ROARED OVER AN ALBANIAN SHEPHERDS' CAMP LAST WEEK, LOSING "VOLLEYS" WHICH KILLED TWO PERSONS AND INJURED EIGHT.

The protest was filed with the Secretary General, Trygve Lie, in an angry letter from the Albanian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Col. Gen. Enver Hoxha.

Hoxha said the "abominable crime" posed a "serious threat to the peace and security of the world." He characterized it as an "attempt by bloody arguments" in order to guarantee the Security Council decision to maintain a constant United Nations patrol in the Balkans.

The letter said victims included, besides an old man and a young girl, 48 animals.—United Press.

Income Tax Slashes

Washington, May 26. Senate Republicans today defeated a Democratic move to delay action on the income tax reduction bill until June 10. This cleared the way for Senate passage of the measure in a few days. The vote was 44-48.

This was a crucial test on the Republican-sponsored bill to cut income taxes by 10.5 to 30 per cent, effective on July 1. Republicans feel certain the measure now will have easy sailing and get through the Senate late this week or early the next.—United Press.

BAN TO BE LIFTED

Canberra, May 26. The Australian Government will ask the Australian Waterside Workers' Federation to lift their 20-month old ban on Dutch ship-planting, leaving Australia open for the Dutch East Indies. It was learned officially here today.—Reuter.

Washington Prepares For Worst

Washington, May 26. The organization of 300,000 civilian workers into reserve units of "minute men," for specialized duty with the Army in case of another war, is proposed by the War Department.

The suggestion was made to a meeting of industrial, labour and educational groups by the Secretary of War, Mr. Robert Patterson, and the Chief of Staff, General Eisenhower, who warned that the United States never again would have time in which to mobilize.

They hope to get underway with the idea within three weeks. In brief, it calls for the creation of 2,500 reserve units in such diversified industries as bakeries, telephone companies, railroads, hospitals and large industrial plants.

If Congress and the President declared a national emergency, members of the units would be taken into the Army immediately and assigned work related to their civilian duties. Reservists would not be in the regular army or the National Guard and could not be called for extended Army duty without the authorization of the President and Congress.—United Press.

Wallace Still On The Rounds

Portland, Oregon, May 26. Mr. Henry Wallace arrived here for another round of speeches after predicting in Vancouver and Washington that the common man all over the world may be fighting with the Soviet Union against the United States as a result of President Truman's "doctrine of fear."

Wallace said: "Two-thirds of the American people are against it. Once you adopt the doctrine you can never end it." He said the common man throughout the world will "someday be fighting with Russia against us" because of alleged American support of reactionaries in other countries.—United Press.



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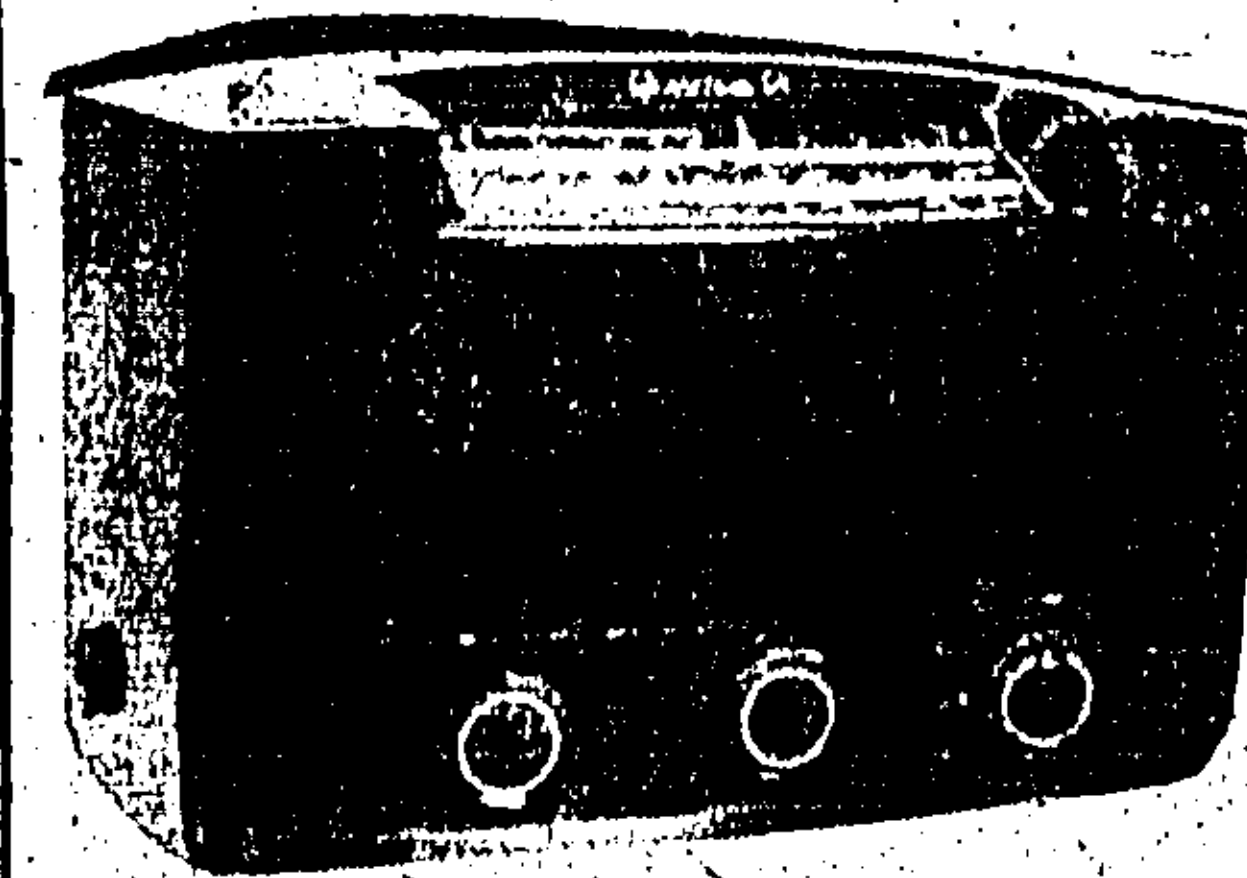
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It is hereby notified that
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which should be clearly marked
"Tender for making uniforms
for Harbour Department," will
be received at the office of the
Chairman, Tender Board, Pub-
lic Works Department, until
noon of Friday, 6th June, 1947.

Tenders must attach to each
tender a receipt that they have
deposited at the Treasury,
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Road Central, the sum of Dol-
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W. J. ANDERSON,

Controller of Stores.

Hong Kong, 27th May, 1947.

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Draft Programmes and Entry
Forms for the Seventh Extra
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Saturday, 7th June 1947
(weather permitting) may be
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Office, Exchange Building; the
Club House, Happy Valley; and
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Entries close at 12 o'clock
noon on Thursday, 29th May
1947.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN
Secretary.

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MAJOR

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an extraordinary general
meeting of the Company will be
held at the registered offices
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the Thirtieth day of May 1947
at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose
of proposing and if thought fit
passing the subjoined resolution
as a special resolution viz:—

That the Articles of Associa-
tion be altered by cancelling
Articles 123 (a) and 123 (b)
and that the following Article
123 be substituted:—

"123. Any General meeting may
resolve that any moneys,
investments, or other assets
forming part of the
undivided profits of the
Company standing to the
credit of the reserve
fund, or any capital redem-
ption reserve fund, or in the
hands of the Company and available
for dividend (or repre-
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in full either at par
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towards payment of the
unpaid liability on any
issued shares or debentures
or payment shall be
accepted by such share-
holders in full satisfac-
tion of their interest in
the said capitalised sum."

If the above resolution is
duly passed as a special resolu-
tion the following resolution
will be proposed as an ordi-
nary resolution viz:—

"That it is desirable
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of \$30.00 per share on
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capital of the company be
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sum shall be treated for
all purposes as an in-
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each such shareholder
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forming part of the
undivided profits of the
Company standing to the
credit of the reserve
fund, or any capital redem-
ption reserve fund, or in the
hands of the Company and available
for dividend (or repre-
senting premiums re-
ceived on the issue of
shares and standing to
the credit of the share
premium account) be
capitalised and distribut-
ed amongst such of the
shareholders as would be
entitled to receive the
same if distributed by
way of dividend and in
the same proportions as
the footing that they be-
come entitled thereto as
capital and that all or
any part of such cap-
italised fund be applied
on behalf of such share-
holders in paying up
in full either at par
or at such premium
as the resolution
may provide, any un-
issued shares or de-
bentures of the company
which shall be distribut-
ed accordingly or in or
towards payment of the
unpaid liability on any
issued shares or debentures
or payment shall be
accepted by such share-
holders in full satisfac-
tion of their interest in
the said capitalised sum."

If the above resolution is
duly passed as a special resolu-
tion the following resolution
will be proposed as an ordi-
nary resolution viz:—

"That it is desirable
that the uncalled liability
of \$30.00 per share on
the issued shares in the
capital of the company be
paid up and accordingly
that the sum of \$1,500,-
000.00 being part of the
Reserve Fund of the
company be and is hereby
capitalised and that such
capital sum be applied by
the General Agents
pro rata on behalf of the
persons who on the
thirtieth day of May 1947
are the holders of such
shares in payment of the
uncalled liability on such
shares respectively and
that such capital sum
shall be treated for all
purposes as an increase
in the amount of the paid
up capital of the Com-
pany held by each such
shareholder and not as
income and that such
payment be accepted by
each such shareholder in
full satisfaction of his or
her interest in the said
capitalised sum."

At such meeting the follow-
ing resolution will also be pro-
posed as an ordinary resolution
viz:—

"That the authorised
capital of the Company
be increased to ten
million dollars by the
creation of one hundred
and fifty thousand new
shares of the nominal
value of fifty dollars
each."

The share Register and
Transfer Books will be closed
from the twenty eighth day
of May to the thirtieth day
of May 1947 both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON
& CO., LTD.
General Agents

Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1947.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Ordinary Yearly Gen-
eral Meeting of HONGKONG
TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be
held at the Office of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson, and Com-
pany, Limited, Hong Kong, on
Thursday, the 29th day of May,
1947, at 12 o'clock Noon, to
transact the ordinary business
of the Company,

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY
ALSO GIVEN that the Regis-
ter of Members of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
10th day of May to the 11th
day of June, 1947, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary

Hong Kong, 6th May, 1947.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that an Extraordinary
General Meeting of the Com-
pany will be held at the Office
of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Co., Ltd., 18 Pedder Street, Vic-
toria, in the Colony of Hong-
Kong on Thursday, the 29th
day of May, 1947, at 12.20 in
the afternoon or so soon there-
after as the Annual General
Meeting shall have been con-
cluded for the purpose of pro-
posing and if thought fit pass-
ing the subjoined resolution as
a special resolution viz:—

That the Articles of Associa-
tion be altered by cancelling
Articles 127 (a) and 127 (b)
and that the following Articles
be substituted:—

"127 (a) Any General Meeting
may resolve that any moneys
investments or other assets form-
ing part of the un-
divided profits of the
company or any un-
realised profits arising
from revaluation of
any assets of the
company and stand-
ing to the credit of
any reserve or any
capital redemption
reserve fund, or in
the hands of the
company and avail-
able for dividend (or
representing pre-
miums received on
the issue of shares
and standing to the
credit of the share
premium account) be
capitalised and distribut-
ed amongst such of the
shareholders as would be
entitled to receive the
same if distributed
by way of dividend
and in the same
proportions as the
footing that they be-
come entitled thereto
as capital and that
all or any part of
such capitalised pro-
fits or reserves be
applied on behalf of
such shareholders in
paying up in full
either at par or at
such premium as the
resolution may pro-
vide, any unissued
shares or debentures
or payment shall be
accepted by such share-
holders in full satisfac-
tion of their interest in
the said capitalised sum."

If the above resolution is
duly passed as a special resolu-
tion the following resolution
will be proposed as an ordi-
nary resolution viz:—

"That it is desirable
that the uncalled liability
of \$30.00 per share on
the issued shares in the
capital of the company be
paid up and accordingly
that the sum of \$1,500,-
000.00 being part of the
Reserve Fund of the
company be and is hereby
capitalised and that such
capital sum be applied by
the General Agents
pro rata on behalf of the
persons who on the
thirtieth day of May 1947
are the holders of such
shares in payment of the
uncalled liability on such
shares respectively and
that such capital sum
shall be treated for all
purposes as an increase
in the amount of the paid
up capital of the Com-
pany held by each such
shareholder and not as
income and that such
payment be accepted by
each such shareholder in
full satisfaction of his or
her interest in the said
capitalised sum."

"127 (b) For the purpose of
giving effect to any
resolution under the
last preceding article
the directors may
settle any difficulty
which may arise in
regard to the dis-
tribution as they
think expedient and
in particular may
issue fractional cer-
tificates. Where
required a proper
certificate shall be
issued to the holder
of the certificate in
accordance with the
provisions of the
Articles of Association."

The share Register and
Transfer Books will be closed
from the twenty eighth day
of May to the thirtieth day
of May 1947 both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON
& CO., LTD.
General Agents

Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1947.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that
an Extraordinary General Meet-
ing of the Company will be
held at 18 Pedder Street (1st
floor) Hong Kong on MONDAY
the NINTH day of JUNE,
1947, at NOON, for the pur-
pose of proposing and if
thought fit passing the sub-
joined resolutions as a special
resolution, viz:—

That the Articles of Associa-
tion be altered in the manner
following:—

(a) Article 17 shall be can-
celled

(b) In the third line of
Article 71 the word "two"
shall be substituted for
the word "three"

(c) The following Article shall
be substituted for Article
76 — "76: Subject to any
special terms as to voting
upon which any shares of
the Company may have
been issued or may for
the time being be held,
upon a show of hands
every member present in
person shall have one
vote, and upon a poll
every member present in
person or by proxy shall
have one vote for every
share held by him."

By Order of the Board,
R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong,
Dated this Ninth day of May,
1947.

NOTICE

By mutual agreement Mr. E. W.
WESTWOOD is no longer con-
nected with the RED LION INN.

JACK CONDER,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 28th May, 1947.

tion 44 of the Com-
panies Ordinance,
1932 and the direc-
tors may appoint any
person to sign such
contract on behalf of
the persons entitled
to the dividend or
capitalised fund, and
such appointment
shall be effective."

If the above resolution is
duly passed as a special resolu-
tion the following two resolu-
tions will be proposed as ordi-
nary resolutions respectively
viz:—

(1) That the authorised
Capital of the Company
be increased to \$200,000,
000 by the creation of 3,-
350,000 new shares of
the nominal value of \$5
each.

(2) That it is desirable
to capitalise a sum of
HK\$50,000,000 being part
of the balance standing
at the credit of the Fixed
Assets Revaluation
Reserve of the company
and accordingly that such
sum be and is hereby
capitalised, and that such
capital sum be applied
on behalf of the persons
who on the 29th day of
May 1947 were the
holders of the 650,000
issued shares of the com-
pany in payment in full
for 1,300,000 new shares
of the company of the
nominal value of \$5
each, and that such
1,300,000 new shares
credited as fully paid be
accordingly allotted to
such persons respectively
in the proportion of two
of such new shares for
every one of the said
issued shares then held
by such persons respec-
tively, and that the
shares so allotted shall
be treated for all pur-
poses as an increase of
the nominal amount of
the capital of the com-
pany held by each such
shareholder and not as
income and further that
such new shares shall
from the 1st day of
January 1947 rank for
dividend and in all other
respects pari passu with
the already issued shares.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Wednesday, 14th May, 1947,
to Wednesday, 28th May, 1947,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 1st May, 1947.

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By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary

Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1947.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Forty-Sixth Annual General
Meeting of the Shareholders
will be held in the Jacobean
Room of the Hongkong Hotel,
Pedder Street, Hongkong on
Saturday, the 31st May 1947, at
Noon for the following purposes,
namely, to consider the annual
statement of accounts and the
balance sheet, and the
reports of the Directors and
Auditors thereon, to elect Di-
rectors and Auditors in the place
of those retiring, to declare a
dividend and bonus, to appro-
priate the balance of Profit and
Loss Accounts as recommended
by the Directors, and to
transact any other ordinary
business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given
that the Share Transfer Regis-
ters will be closed from 20th
May, 1947 to 31st May, 1947,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. D. LEARMONTH,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th May, 1947.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that
an Extraordinary General Meet-
ing of Shareholders will be held
at the Jacobean Room, Hong-
Kong Hotel, Pedder Street,
Hong Kong, on Saturday, 31st
May, 1947, at 12.15 p.m. (or
as soon thereafter as the Or-
dinary Annual Meeting to be
held at Noon on that date shall
have been concluded) for the
purpose of considering and, if
thought fit, passing the sub-
joined Resolution as an Ordina-
ry Resolution:—

"That the Capital of the
Company be increased to
\$10,000,000.—by the creation
of One Million Two Hundred
Thousand additional new
shares of Five Dollars each
to be issued at such terms
and conditions, in every re-
spect as the Company's Board
of Directors may think fit."

By Order of the Board,
A. D. LEARMONTH,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th May, 1947.

HONG KONG REALTY & TRUST CO., LTD.

(Incorporated under the Companies
Ordinance of Hong Kong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Ordinary Yearly Meet-
ing of Shareholders of Hong
Kong Realty and Trust Com-
pany, Limited, will be held at
the Registered Office of the
Company, Exchange Building
(Second Floor), Des Voeux
Road Central, Hong Kong, on
WEDNESDAY, the 28th May,
1947, at 12 Noon, for the pur-
pose of receiving a Statement
of Accounts and the Report of
the Board of Directors for the
year ended 30th April, 1947,
confirming the appointment of
a Director and re-electing two
Directors and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Wednesday, 14th May, 1947,
to Wednesday, 28th May, 1947,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 1st May, 1947.

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By Order of the Board,
W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary

Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1947.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT

Tenders are invited from
Persons or Bodies Corporate
entitled to own British Ships for
the purchase, as they like, of the
following vessels:—

Ramp Cargo Lighters Nos.
982 and 979.

The approximate dimensions
and particulars of these vessels
are as follows:—

Length : 52' (Ramp Up)
and 68' (Ramp Down)
Breadth : 19'
Loaded :
Draught : 13' 0"
Twin Screw : 122 S.H.P.
Petrol Driver, Chrysler En-
gines
Capacity : 30 tons
Speed : 7-8 knots

They may be viewed by ar-
rangement with the Superinten-
dent Engineer, Government Slip-
way, Yau Ma Tei.

Sealed Tenders in triplicate
which should be marked "Tender
for the purchase of R.C.L.s."
will be received at the Harbour
Office until Noon on Friday the
6th June, 1947.

Government does not bind
itself to accept the highest or
any tender.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.
Harbour Office,
Hong Kong, 24th May, 1947.

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF HENRY
MARRIOTT late of 8 Havelock
Terrace, Kowloon Dock, Kow-
loon in the Colony of Hong
Kong, Engineer, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Court has by virtue of
Section 58 of the Probate Or-
dinance, 1897, made an Order
limiting the time for creditors
and others to send in their
claims against the above estate
to the 20th day of June 1947.

All creditors and others are
accordingly hereby required to
send their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 23rd day of May, 1947.

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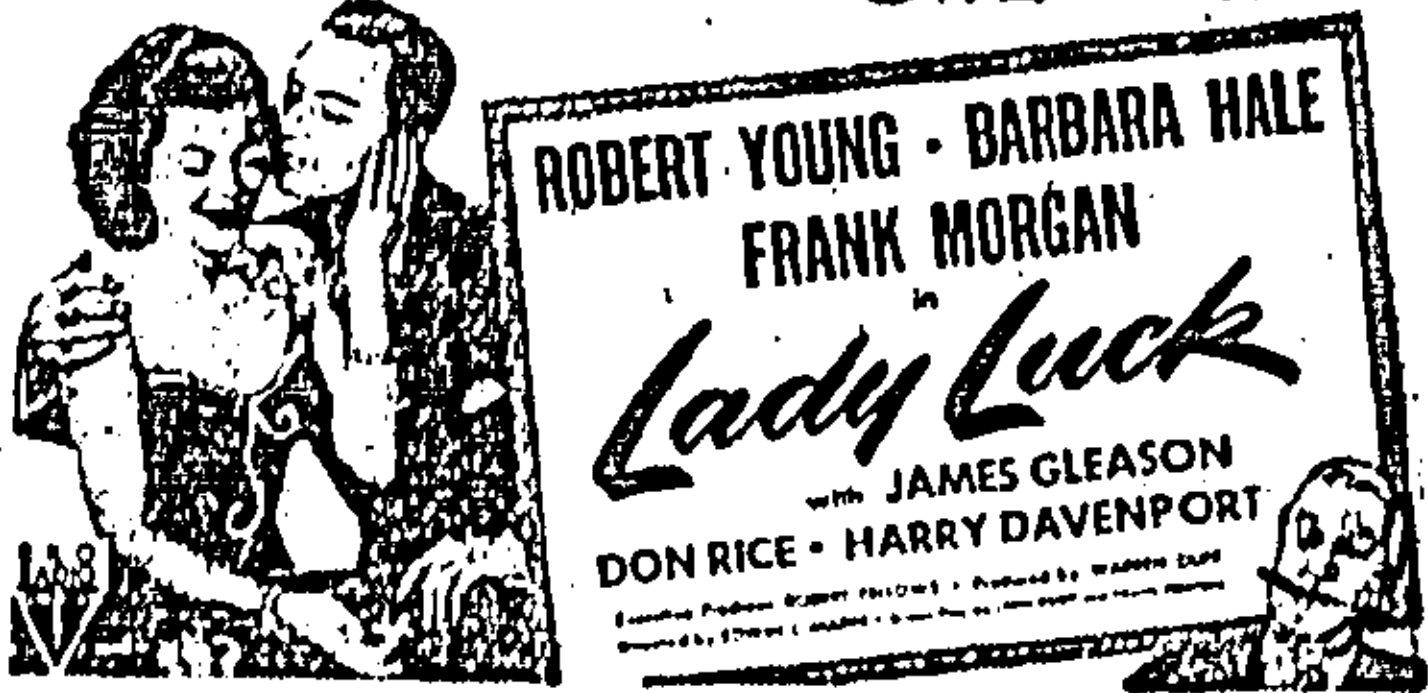
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RICE CARGO JETTISONED "Foo Hsing" On Rocks Near Foochow Part Of Cargo Recovered

(By Margaret Bradbury)

Wiseman Cafe Case

A well-dressed woman, Pauline Souza Lee, 24, was charged before Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday with obtaining credit and goods to a total value of \$84.20 from the Cafe Wiseman on May 15.

Pleading guilty, defendant said she had no intention of defrauding the cafe but needed the money badly for her sick daughter. She was bound over in the sum of \$100 for one year.

Det. Sub. Inspector Bentley said Lee went to the Cafe Wiseman for lunch on May 15, her bill being \$6.50. After the meal she ordered some whisky and foodstuffs, amounting to \$77.60. She left the cafe and promised to pay her bills after collecting money from a bank, but never turned up again until she was arrested.

Money Market

Principal feature of the money market after the weekend recess was a rise in gold, following reports of buying in Canton, and the price went up to \$280 a tael after opening at \$262. It closed strong at \$285.50.

Plasters, after opening at \$12.30 a 100, dropped to \$12.02 and managed to climb back only to \$12.10 at the close. The under-lying was weak.

There was a slight improvement in Chinese National Currency. Futures closed at 13 1/2 cts after Saturday's record low at 12 1/2 cts. Spot opened at 10 1/2 cts and closed at 10 1/2 cts. (For CNS1,000).

U.S. dollars strengthened to \$4.09 buyers. Sterling also improved to \$14.35, and Australian pounds were quoted at \$12.51.

NEW VIA H.K. AIR SERVICE

Bangkok, May 26.

A Pacific Overseas Airlines' Skymaster took off from Hong Kong today for San Francisco via Hong Kong and Guam, inaugurating a service between Siam and the United States.

The company is already operating a regular weekly Bangkok-Hong Kong service—Reuters.

Two thousand tons of rice bound for Shanghai have had to be jettisoned from the Chinese-owned steamer "Foo Hsing" to enable the vessel to be lifted off rocks after running ashore at Ockseu Island, near Foochow.

The "Foo Hsing" was on her way from Bangkok to Shanghai with a cargo of 5,000 tons of rice when she ran into fog and went aground on rocks which pierced and penetrated ten feet into the ship's No. 1 hold. She is still pinned on a rock through her fore-peak tank.

The remaining 3,000 tons of rice which were salvaged and brought to Hong Kong will stay here until re-consigned to Shanghai.

Badly Exposed

Hong Kong's Chief Salvage officer Captain Doust said in an interview yesterday: "The 5,000 ton 'Foo Hsing' is now in a badly exposed position but it is hoped that she will soon be brought off the rocks and taken into safety where temporary repairs will be made to enable her to steam or be towed to Hong Kong for proper repairs."

Capt. Doust said that salvage pumps and divers have been sent to the ship by the Tai Hing Company which has undertaken the lightening and salvage work.

"The main part of the cargo was saved only by skill of the masters of the coasters sent out," he said. "They were able to manoeuvre alongside the 'Foo Hsing' and recover the undamaged rice whilst the ships were ranging. The crew and the salvage party are still aboard the ship."

ROTARY LUNCH

Two health films loaned by the Medical Department provided twenty minutes entertainment for Rotarians and their friends at their weekly luncheon yesterday. "What your Sneeze can do" evoked much laughter from the audience. Then followed a film on what is being done at Home in the fight against tuberculosis.

BAN ON RICE MOVEMENT

Canton, May 27.

The Kwangtung Provincial Commission of Food and Supply explained the scope of the ban on the movement of rice out of the province today. It said complete freedom of movement is given to rice from one area to another within the boundaries of the province, but any movement of rice exceeding 10 catties, going out of Kwangtung through Swatow, Hailow, Kwangchow and by the Canton-Kowloon Railway, without proper permit, will be considered as smuggling out.—KPN.

More Opium Raids In Kowloon

The Kowloon Poor Box benefitted to the extent of \$157 and \$12 found in the tills of the divans were ordered by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday to be confiscated.

Law Kong-fai, keeper of the dive at 27 Shantung Street, first floor, was fined \$815, or six months' hard labour when he admitted a previous conviction on March 10 when he was fined \$600. Of 10 smokers arrested, six forfeited their bail of \$25 each, while the other ten were fined \$15 per head. The five pipes, 12 lamps and 1.3 mace of prepared opium were confiscated.

The second raid was carried out at 3.30 p.m. and involved Lee Shun and two smokers found on the floor of 40A Shantung Street. The keeper was fined \$100 and one of the smokers \$15. The absentee forfeited his bail of \$25. The two pipes and four lamps seized were confiscated.

According to SI Walter Collins, both of the premises were previously raided less than a week ago when they were tenanted by persons other than the present defendants.

Other opium cases before His Worship were:

Li Kam, divan at 39 Peking Road, first floor, raided by DSI W. J. Wall at 7.30 p.m. on May 25. Three pipes, five lamps, and six mace prepared opium seized. Keeper's bail of \$200 estimated; three smokers fined \$15 each.

Divan at 5 Waterloo Road, first floor, kept by Leung Wing and raided by DSI V. J. MacKenzie at 10.30 p.m. on May 25. Two pipes and three lamps seized. Keeper fined \$70; one smoker, \$15.

Ho Lun, floor at 102 Reclamation Street, first floor, raided at 10.10 p.m. on May 25 by DSI W. G. Morrison when three pipes and four lamps were seized. Ho was fined \$100, while the bail of \$25 each of the four smokers was estimated.

An opium addict, Yau Hing, found in possession of two mace of prepared opium and one opium pipe on board the ss. "We Sang" at 10.30 p.m. on May 23, was cautioned by His Worship on Inspector Orem stating that there was no suggestion of accused trying to smuggle the drug out of the Colony.

For attempting to bring in three tael of raw opium, Wong Un, 37, married woman, was fined \$500 or ten weeks' hard labour by Mr. Latimer, when she admitted that the narcotic was found on her at the K.C.R. Station at 12.40 p.m. on May 24.

For keeping a divan at 134 Tai Sun Back Street, ground floor, Chan Wo lost the sum of \$100 when he failed to appear before Mr. Latimer yesterday. His three customers also forfeited their bail of \$25 each. Two pipes and two lamps were seized during the raid.

A Serious Offence

"This is a very serious offence, but I am going to give you all the option of paying a fine of \$250 or the alternative of six weeks' hard labour. The liquor and tobacco to be confiscated."

The above was addressed by Mr. W. H. Latimer to Shun Koon-sing, Lin Yeung, Lin Pat-chan and Lai Ka who admitted possession of 55 gallons of Chinese liquor and 280 lbs. Chinese tobacco at 60, Pei Ho Street, second floor, on May 25.

Yau On was discharged on his plea of being merely a visitor being accepted by RO Paulie.

When the premises were raided by Senior Revenue Officer Tucker first accused was found weighing cut tobacco, assisted by the second defendant. The other two were standing around at the far end of the flat.

The dutiable wine was contained in four-gallon jars and the tobacco in packets.

RO Paulie asked for a very serious view to be taken of the case as licensed dealers were complaining of the unfair competition offered by these black-marketiers.

Kwangtung Rules For Foreigners

Canton, May 27.

The Kwangtung Provincial Government has today received from the Ministry of Interior a set of regulations concerning the registration of departures of foreign residents in China.

The regulations are: 1. Every foreign resident in China must make proper registration with the police authorities in the place of residence, prior to departure.

2. The police authorities concerned must register the departing foreigner's full name, nationality, family dependents, the number of the certificate of residence and the date of departure. If the departure is intended for only short duration, the departing resident may be permitted to retain the certificate, otherwise it should be cancelled by the police authorities after registration.

3. A monthly report of such registration must be made by the police authorities to the Municipal or Provincial Government, which in turn transmit for the report to the Ministry of Interior in Nanking.—KPN.

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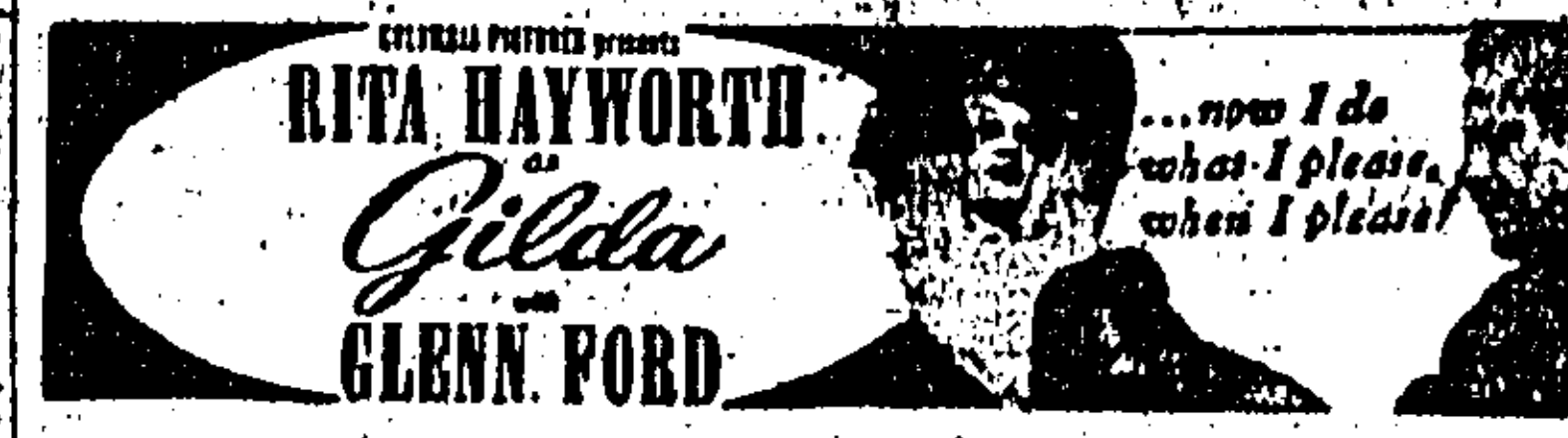


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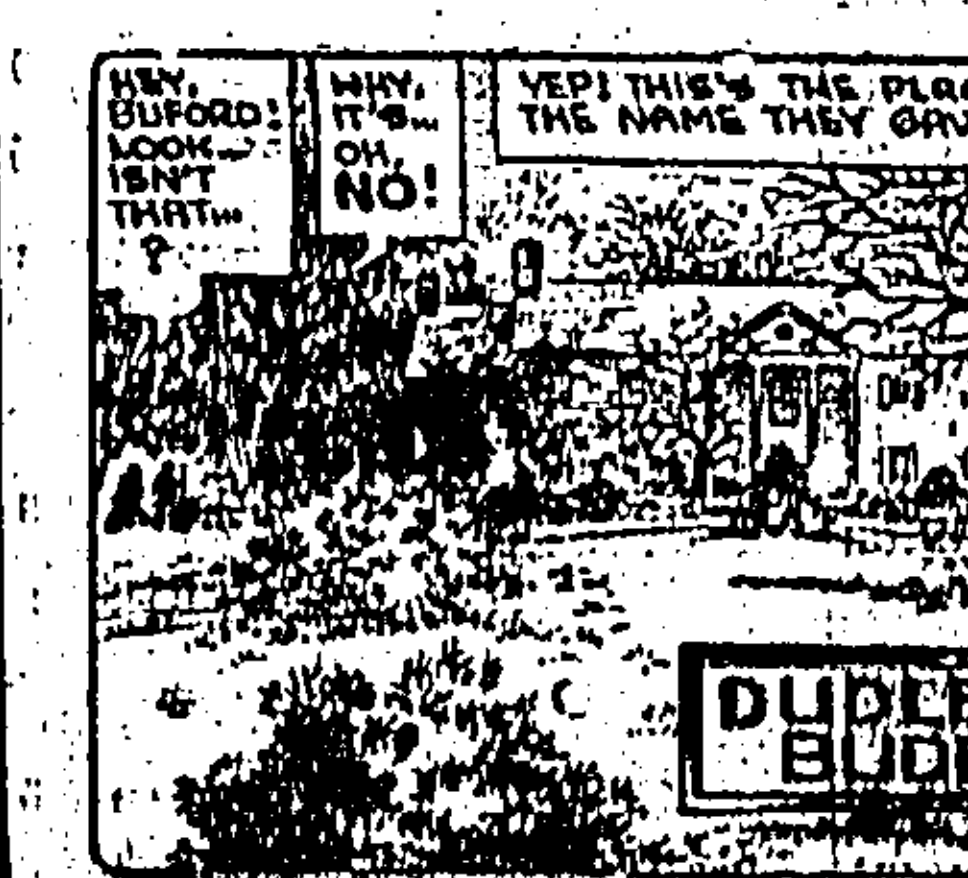
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BY EDGAR MARTIN





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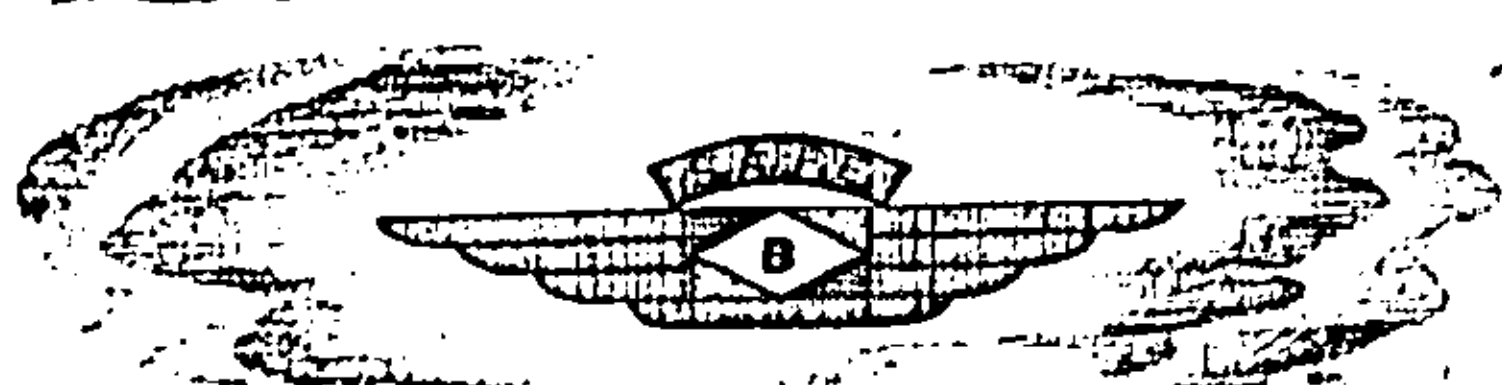
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U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

It is abundantly plain that President Truman and General Marshall have made up their minds on American foreign policy and are implementing that policy with conviction. President Truman's latest message to Congress indicates that he has no intention at this stage of losing the initiative, and while eyebrows may be raised in some quarters by the statement that "the collaboration authorized by the Bill could be extended also to Canada, whose cooperation with the United States in matters concerning their common defence is now of particular importance," it would be unrealistic to attempt to argue against the logic of the situation. The new plan calls for the fullest military cooperation with all the countries of Latin-America, standardisation of weapons, and other forms of aid which together make up a formidable project for hemisphere defence. Whatever one may think of the Red scare now influencing the United States so markedly, it is certain that between them President Truman and General Marshall are providing bold and surefooted leadership. Despite the doubts and misgivings which are being voiced in some quarters, there is nothing more certain than that Congress will endorse the programme. Any alternative would be injurious. Though many Republicans might like, on party grounds, to challenge Truman's policy, no one of them is attracted by the possibility that thereby they might be aiding the onward march of Communism. To adapt a famous English political phrase, "Truman stole the Republicans' clothes while they were bathing."

This is a time for clear heads and cool judgments. American power is so overwhelming that the United States can shape the destiny of the world without fear of war or even of serious opposition. Those few Americans who feel timorous should try to have a little patience. If President Truman and General Marshall continue the firm and realistic policy on which they have embarked, six months from today we should all be able to look back with satisfaction on the progress made in that period. People who then stop to think will be amazed at the dangers and nightmares that have passed them by. The gravest defect in the American character when it comes to questions of foreign affairs is that they expect too speedy results. "Rome was not built in a day" should be a slogan taught in American schools. In the world in which we live, there is no possibility of achieving Utopia tomorrow. The most we can hope is that, with patience and courage, we may be able slowly to move forward into a safer world. General Marshall and Mr. Bevin were not able to bring back decisive results from Moscow, but every English-speaking person should realize the high stakes of world freedom and recovery for which Marshall and Bevin are playing. If their countrymen stand firmly behind them, the Allied victory may yet be consolidated and peace brought to a tormented world.

Unfortunately such statements contain more than a grain of truth. Russo-American relations have reached the critical point where a showdown appears unavoidable. The fact that the United States proclaimed the Truman Doctrine to bar the Russian land approach via Salonika and the sea approach through the Dardanelles to the Mediterranean to coincide with the opening of the Moscow conference, can only be interpreted as a sign that American foreign policy, which under Byrnes had been flexible, has become one of "hard or break" since Marshall became Secretary of State.

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New York, May 28.

"The village dogs bark furiously, but the convoy goes on its way unperturbed."

One would like to quote this Persian saying in regard to such statements as that by Congressman Frederick Crawford, who wants General George Marshall to tell the Russians: "Either you disarm, or we will act against you while we have the atom bomb and the necessary economic and military resources," and frankly admitted that this would mean war, or when Soviet spokesman David Zaslavsky tells "Pravda" readers that the United States loan to Turkey means that the United States are preparing war against the Soviet, and charges that the Turkish press has been bought up by American dollars.

(There was a time not long ago, and Zaslavsky certainly remembers it, when the Turkish press was full of eulogies of the Soviets and obnoxious to the United States. This phenomenon is a chain of troubles falling into the laps of Turkish editors as Jov's gold once conquered Danubian virtue.)

Critical Point

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100 Years Ago Today

(From the files of the China Mail, May 28, 1947).

To the Ladies of Hong Kong. Holmes & Bigham beg to announce having just landed a large and excellent assortment of Swiss Muslin dress pieces well adapted to summer wear, of which they invite inspection.

Messrs Franklyn & Milnes have just received an invoice of White and fancy Drills suitable for Gentlemen's coats and Trousers.

The "Avon," the property of Captain Towns, sailed from Sydney, on the 13th October last for Port Nicholson and from thence proceeded to the South Sea Islands on a sandal wood voyage. After cruising for some time she proceeded westward and on the morning of 2nd January anchored in the same bay where three months previous the captain and two boats' crews of the schooner "Vanguard" were entrapped by the natives. This circumstance, however, was then unknown to Captain Cooper.

During the day the chief Agulla (the same was concerned with the "Vanguard") accompanied by another chief who called himself Jackey, went on the "Avon" and remained there about three hours, appearing very friendly and telling Captain C. that he would send his boats on shore next day they would have plenty of wood ready for them.

The next morning two boats proceeded on shore in charge of the first and second mates and obtained about a ton of wood. On their leaving the shore Agulla told them to bring more men the next day as they would have plenty of wood cut. Late that night Captain Woodon of the barque "Eleanor" which vessel was lying a distance of eight miles to windward, paid Captain Cooper a visit on board the "Avon" for the purpose of putting him on his guard and informed him that having a native boy of the Isle of Pines on board the "Eleanor" he had sent him on shore for a few hours as a spy and on his return to the vessel he informed him that the natives were in possession of two boats which had belonged to the "Vanguard," the crews having been all murdered and eaten.

Election Precautions

Damascus, May 26. Jamil Mardam Bey, the Syrian Premier, stated today that general confiscation of arms, particularly from tribesmen, would take place soon to prevent bloodshed during the campaign for a general election to be held in July.

The present government would remain in office while the elections were held. The Premier rejected proposals for a neutral caretaker government.—Reuter.

THE VILLAGE DOGS BARK FURIOUSLY

By Ferdinand Jahn

What is at stake for Europe and the world ten milliard dollars would seem a trifle, concerning which a compromise should be possible without great difficulties, if the problems were approached with a minimum of goodwill.

Divided

Incomparably more important to the world, and incomparably more difficult to tackle, are the questions of Germany's borders, her constitution and her future place in Europe's and the world's economy. On these problems the Big Four thus far appear hopelessly divided. The United States and Britain want the ex-enemy to recover part of the eastern territory now held by Poland. This is heatedly opposed by Russia, although Molotov at one time suggested such a frontier revision to be desirable. In the West the Anglo-Saxons desire Germany to retain the Saar and the Ruhr, although they are willing to let France control the former's economy, and are willing to insist on a kind of interdependence over the Ruhr production. Russia basically agrees, but not so France.

Regarding the Constitution, the Kremlin proposes political as well as economic unity, and in this respect Molotov must have been not a little surprised in finding a fellow in Herbert Hoover, who is otherwise among the best-hated Americans in Russia.

The other three want far-reaching political decentralisation, but economic unity. In this respect the French are going farthest, still following the footsteps of Cardinal Richelieu, whose policy was adopted by the Westphalia Peace Treaty in 1648, which ended the Thirty Years War by cutting up Germany in over a hundred principalities.

Socialisation

The British Labour Government wants moderate socialisation of production means, while Russia aims that the total production should be taken over by the Central Government. This is abhorrent to Marshall's capitalist principles, although he is willing to admit socialisation of a limited number of industries by individual states of the proposed German Federation. This may seem a tolerable solution on paper to a military man, but hardly to a far-seeing statesman and economist in this era, where all signs indicate that national economy pre-emptorily demands the greatest possible concentration.

Western advocates of federalisation also overlook the natural centralisation tendencies in every nation, wherefore it can be expected that as soon as foreign protection and internal barriers are removed, individual German states will merge like oil drops on water.

On one point however there seems to be agreement, namely that the Yalta and Potsdam Agreements and the so-called Morgenthau Plan were works of political and economic amateurs, inspired more by a righteous hatred of Nazism than by logical thinking, and that to carry them out would not only be fatal to the German nation, but catastrophic for European economy and suicidal to world peace.

Volte Face

But the most spectacular reversal of former policy was shown by France, when Bidault announced that his country will be willing to let Germany act in France. It recalls to the historically minded that in the early centuries of our era German tribes such as the Franks, and the Burgundians flooded France and that from the mixture of these Germanic immigrants and the Gauls the great French culture originated. It also shows that victor nations may have committed a grave error, when they expelled racial Germans from their territories, initiating Hitler's folly of calling back into the Fatherland German settlers from abroad, where in some cases they had lived for seven or eight centuries. History shows that neutral processes cannot be reversed with impunity.

The basic problems have not yet been discussed. If and when they will be discussed, the attitude of the various delegates will undoubtedly be influenced by the afterthoughts of how their actions affect the sentiments of the German nation, which may be a valuable asset in the final struggle between the two rival ideologies of Communism and Capitalism. And to this worldwide struggle the Moscow conference was only a curtain raiser.

Marshall, whom the world justly recognised as a great military leader, is today gathering advance laurels for his policy as a statesman, but there are politicians like Henry Wallace who seem to reckon that public favour is fickle and that the same people who now cry "Hosanna" may eventually shout "Crucify!"—United Press.

Rain Making As A Science

Melbourne, May 27.

Months of painstaking research by a team of Australian scientists has promised results recently when two boarded a Liberator plane and flew over a mass of cloud about one hundred miles northwest of Sydney and made the cloud rain. It was revealed here yesterday.

The cloud was "infected" soon after midday and beneath the cloud mass rain fell all the afternoon over 25 square miles of country.

Through the chute of the plane, the scientists dropped "dry ice"—solid carbon dioxide at 80 degrees centigrade—into the cloud. The dry ice created a channel of cool air as it fell and water drops were transformed into ice crystals. These grew at the expense of other water drops in the vicinity until they were heavy enough to fall as rain.

The dry ice also had an explosive effect on the cloud, the top of which was boosted into an anvil-like top in which water drops froze of their own accord and the rain process was repeated.

The scientists, while realising that their discovery had worldwide importance, were concerned at the publicity it received in Australia. Talk of man having at last controlled rainfall was premature, they pointed out. Months, perhaps years, of experimental work lay ahead of them before they could produce rain at will.

Conditions Important

Rainmaking tests thus far carried out to show, however, that man can influence the weather, but only under favourable conditions. The scientists, belonging to the Commonwealth Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, are therefore continuing their experiments.

From their first small success they hope to discover how to control the weather over large areas which would be of vital benefit to Australia particularly.

Australia's national economy still rests mainly on her primary producers, and drought is the primary producer's greatest enemy. In a recent drought 4,000,000 sheep were

lost, and in New South Wales alone the wheat crop fell from 70,000,000 bushels reaped in a good year to 16,000,000 bushels.

Recently scientists experimented with clouds on eight flights. Radar observation indicated rain formed inside the cloud on six of the eight occasions, on four of which rain was seen to reach the ground. One case is doubtful because it might have rained anyway and one negative result was received when the cloud "infected" reached only about 1,000 feet above the freezing levels. All other cloud had a vertical extent of over 10,000 feet.

Isolated Storm

In the most spectacular case—and scientists emphasise that the weather on that occasion was believed to be most favourable—equatorial rain was blowing slowly over the east of Australia from a north-easterly direction and inland areas in eastern New South Wales were covered by about eight-tenths of cloud. The cloud base was at 11,000 feet, freezing level at 18,000 feet and the cloud top uniformly at 23,000 feet.

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Why can't I marry Ronald? One has to start marrying someone, doesn't she?"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shopard Barclay

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SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT

When playing a small slam contract in rubber bridge, safety is paramount. The declarer should exert himself to make sure of scoring the number of points already at stake, being willing to sacrifice all chance to make the extra trick if in doing so he increases the likelihood of making the contract. Most especially should he guard himself against the risk of suits being badly divided in the hands of the defender. That applies to all his long suits, but with particular emphasis on the trumps.

S A 9 6 3 2
H 10 8
D A K 7 5 3 2
C None

S Q J 10
H Q 7 6 3
D 10 6
C Q J 9 4

S 8
H 4
D Q J 9 8
C 10 8 7 6 5 3 2

S K 7 5 4
H A K J 9 6 2
D 4
C A K

(Dealer: North. Both sides vulnerable.)

North East South West
1 D Pass 1 H Pass
3 D Pass 4 H Pass
6 H

Franklin E. (Buzz) Bailey former winner of the Eastern Championship, who played this plan hand successfully in a rubber game at New York's Union League Club, claims nothing for the bidding, but certainly did his stuff in negotiating the contract.

A kibitzer behind him watched him win the diamond 10 lead with the A and ruff the diamond 2 with the heart 9. He then expected to see the club A ruffed, a second diamond ruff

by the heart J, then two top hearts led. That would have guarded against the diamonds being divided 4-2 and the spades 3-1 or 4-0, as two spades they could have been discarded on diamonds.

Buzz Bailey also guarded himself against four hearts to the Q-7 in one hand, as actually developed. The kibitzer's plan would have left West with two tricks for his heart Q-7 over the 6-2. But the declarer, after ruffing the second diamond, led the heart 2. Now, whether West took that or not, Mr. Bailey could protect himself against that holding. If West used his Q, any return would be won in the South and a second trump led to dummy for a second diamond ruff. West actually ducked. The 10 won, a second diamond ruff was with the J, West discarding, then two top trumps left only the Q out. With this plan, there was no way for West to beat the contract.

Tomorrow's Problem

S K J 10 3
H 9
D A 10 9 5 3
C 8 5 2

S 9 7
H K Q J 7
D K 8 2
C Q J 4 3

S A Q 8 4
H A 10 6 5 3
D 4
C A 10 9

(Dealer: East. Both sides vulnerable.)

After South bids 1-Heart, North 2-Diamonds, South 2-Spades, North 4-Spades and South 5-Spades as a slam invitation, what should West lead?

KEEPING HIS SECRET

London, May 26. Magician Howard de Courcy, who is getting married tomorrow, said today that he would not reveal his secret to his bride.

De Courcy's bride is Doris Morris, who disappears nightly after climbing into a wicker basket in De Courcy's stage act—United Press.

ADM. HALSEY'S MOTHER PASSES

Wilmington, May 26. The death was announced today of Mrs. Anna Masters Brewster Halsey, 88-year-old mother of Fleet Admiral William F. Halsey. The death of Mrs. Halsey, widow of Capt. William F. Halsey, USN, was attributed to old age and complications of a hip fracture suffered on July 24—United Press.

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LABOUR'S FOREIGN POLICY

Sharp Criticism At Margate Party Conference

Jinnah's Idea 'Fantastic'

New Delhi, May 26. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Home Minister in India's interim government, said today that Muslim League leader Jinnah's "idea of a 1,000-mile long corridor through a hostile non-Muslim area is, on the face of it, such fantastic nonsense as not to be taken seriously at all."

Mr. Patel said that Mr. Jinnah's "demand itself discloses the sponsor's lack of confidence in the Pakistan scheme."

Answering questions about the possibility of a sovereign Pakistan making agreements with foreign powers without reference to Hindustan, Mr. Patel said, "The need for joint consultation on matters of defence and external relations has already been conceded by Mr. Jinnah. It is therefore inconceivable that concessions of extra-territoriality or external arrangements will be made without the consultation of Hindustan. Such action would be regarded as hostile."—United Press.

Conscription Approved

Margate, May 26. The Labour Party conference, opening today, promptly rebelled against Party authorities, defeating them decisively on the first vote taken, on the question of housing. In the revised-but still crowded agenda, all housing resolutions had been left to Friday, the last day of the conference. But when the question of adopting the agenda was put, a women delegate made a fiery little speech of protest, demanding that the Standing Orders committee bring the housing debate up earlier in the week.

This was carried by a roar of "aye's."

Encouraged by this, other delegates raised various objections to the way the week's programme had been telegraphed together, but in the end a conciliatory explanation pacified the objectors.

The prevailing mood of the conference seemed to be one of pride in the Labour Government's progress mixed with considerable concern about the future, especially if there is an American flop. Forty-one resolutions on man-power and production have been boiled down to a few, but they have lost in the process much of their punch.

Outwardly, the authors of

these 41 resolutions have accepted the situation, but Wednesday's big debate is nevertheless expected to prove critical in tone.

Foreign Policy

Publication this morning of a composite resolution on foreign policy, drafted by Connie Zilliacus and a group of local parties, shows that all reference to "President Truman's policy in Greece and Turkey" have been withdrawn, but since Zilliacus will be allowed to speak, indications are that what delegates call "Trumanism" will be ventilated.

The keynote of the revised resolution is: "The conference believes that subservience to capitalist America will inevitably draw us into an anticipated flop and that the only way to avoid this is to cooperate with all countries with Socialist-planned economy."

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, retiring chairman, listed the objectives for which the Labour Party should strive in foreign affairs and warned: "Unless democratic nations can lead the world to full employment and to a stable peace, democracy will fail." He urged the world to make the United Nations work and thus end the threat of war.

Conscription

Mr. V.F. Yates, who introduced a resolution expressing strong disapproval of conscription and urging Government to end the policy as soon as possible, pointed out that the last of the conscripts would not be released until 1961. He complained that the country had never been told what its military commitments were and that a voluntary system had never been tried. Industry, he declared, could well use manpower now tied up in Britain's armed forces.

Mr. J. Worrall, who seconded the resolution, said that the mandate for conscription was not received from the people, the trade union movement or the Labour Party. Conscription, he asserted, resulted from the visit of Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, to the United States.

Answering critics, Professor Harold Laski said estimates of the Ministry of Labour disclosed that voluntary recruiting would provide only between 18,000 and 31,000 men in the next four years. "There is no possibility," he said, "of doing the work necessary in terms of figures of that size." He asked delegates to support conscription "in order that those who died this time shall not have died in vain."

Soviet Ties

Earlier today, the conference defeated by a large majority a resolution which would have recognized the right of Party members to join the British-Soviet Society.

The National Executive of the Labour Party has ruled that Party members cannot be affiliated with the British-Soviet Society. Mr. E.J. Squibb, who introduced the resolution, said he was not moving a motion in favour of Communist affiliation, but simply for those Labourites who desired to join the Society in order to further understanding between Britain and Russia. —United Press.

Strike Of India's Clerks

Bombay, May 26. Clerks and other lower group staff of the Accountant-General's offices, in 22 Indian towns staged a one-day strike today in protest against their "unsatisfactory" scales of pay, recommended by a recent Government enquiry.

Strikers went to their offices as usual, but instead of working sat at their desks reading newspapers, or loitered in corridors.

In New Delhi 2,500 were involved in the strike, in Calcutta 5,000, in Bombay 1,100 and in Madras 800.—Reuter.

TRUMAN PLAN FOR HEMISPHERE DEFENCE

Washington, May 26. President Truman today urged Congress to enact legislation for a programme of full military cooperation with Latin-American countries, including the sale of arms, standardisation of weapons and training of naval and military personnel.

"Collaboration authorised by the proposed bill could be extended also to Canada, whose co-operation with the United States in matters concerning their common defence is now of particular importance," the President said in a message read to the House of Representatives and Senate.

This is the first time the President has publicly mentioned Canada in connection with hemispheric defence plans. Canada has not previously been involved in discussions, since she is neither a member of the Pan-American Union nor a signatory of the Act of Chapultepec.

"American Republics have assumed new responsibilities for their mutual defence and maintenance of peace in the Act of Chapultepec and the Charter of the United Nations," the message continued. "The close co-operation of American republics provided for in the Act of Chapultepec makes it highly desirable to standardise military organisation, training matters

and equipment as has been recommended by the Inter-American Defence Board."

President Truman stressed: "It is my intention that any operations under this bill shall be in every way consistent with the wording and spirit of the United Nations Charter. Special responsibility for leadership rests on the United States in this matter because of the preponderant technical, economic and military resources of this country."

"There is a reasonable and limited purpose for which arms and military equipment can rightfully be made available to other American states.—Reuter.

Canadian Comment

Ottawa, May 26. Informed sources said that President Truman's proposal for a broad programme of military cooperation with Canada and Latin America did not indicate any change in Canada's pentecost military commitments.

These involve continued defence collaboration with the United States and the British Commonwealth but no direct contact with Latin America. Canada, traditionally, has held aloof from deep political or military commitments with other countries in this hemisphere except with the United States.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, early this year announced a programme of defence collaboration with the United States which will involve the exchange of personnel and bases, standardisation of weapons and training methods, and joint development of some bases in Canada's northland.—Reuter.

Paris Transport Still Moves

Paris, May 26. Huge holiday crowds were able to leave Paris by electric trains today. Power supplies in the capital were still normal at noon.

The Metro-Paris Underground was running normally after two power breakdowns yesterday, and gas and electricity supplies for cooking were normal.

Today is the date set by the Federation of Gas and Electrical Workers for a full stoppage of all gas and power supplies except for absolute necessities.

Premier Paul Ramadier's order conscripting the gas and electrical workers commanded to "go slow" by their union, was proclaimed and posted throughout France today.

Despite the belligerently worded communique issued three nights ago in which they threatened progressive power reduction at "any moment" and promised complete stoppage, the workers carried on as usual.

Although the "go-slow" movement has not, so far, transpired, the nation remains uneasy lest complete cuts—except for essential services, such as hospitals—should be put into force on Wednesday.—Reuter.

RAIN MAKING AS A SCIENCE

(Continued from Page 6)

About 100 pounds of dry ice were dropped into a cloud, the top of which was slightly below general level. After five minutes no visible results were observed. Aircraft flew on and made another test 20 miles away, dropping 150 pounds of dry ice into a second cloud. Within five minutes rain changes from within the cloud were recorded in the aircraft's radar equipment.

Forty-five minutes after the second cloud was "infected," the aircraft dived to 8,000 feet, well below the cloud base and a pillar of rain covering at least 20 square miles was seen to reach the ground.

Subsequent questioning of farmers in the vicinity confirmed the occurrence of an isolated rain-storm. From the aircraft no rain was seen within 100 miles of the two "infected" clouds.

New Tests

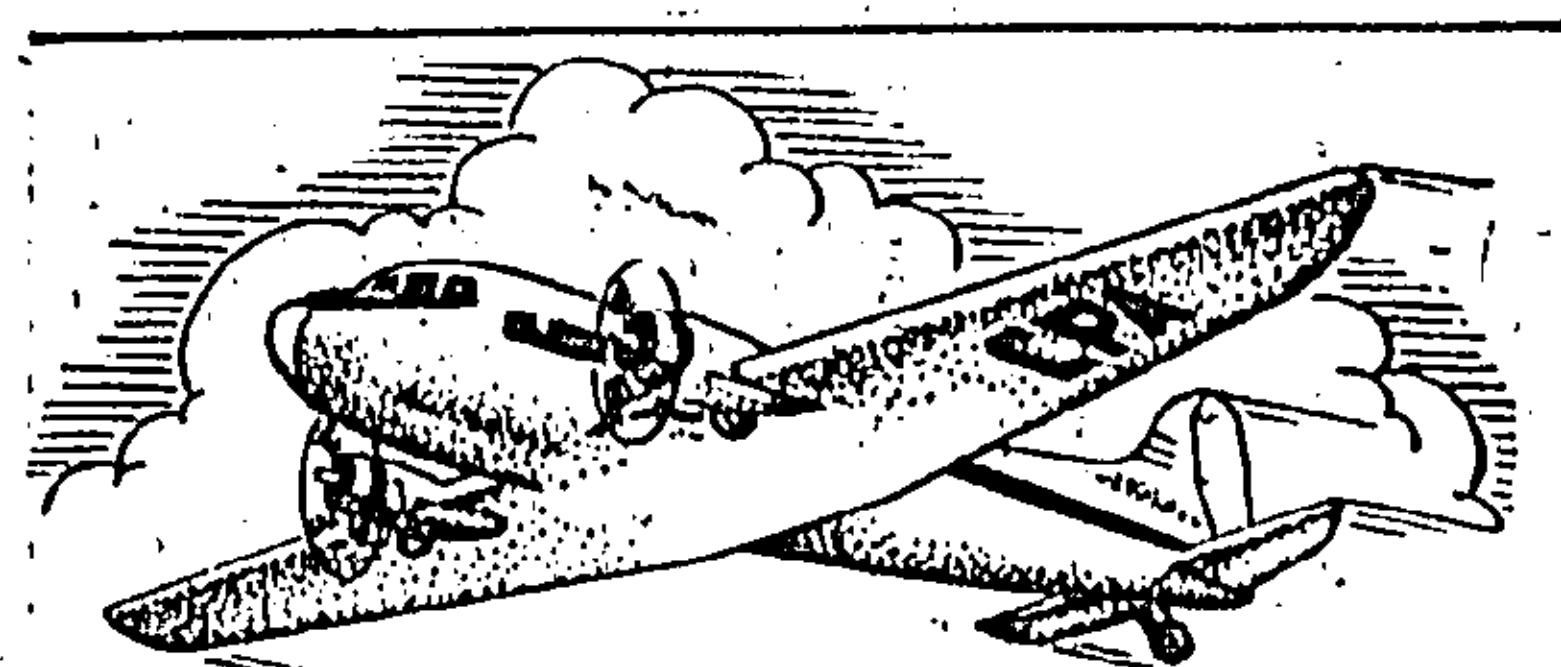
Scientists are now continuing their rain-making experiments in several ways. They plan to drop into clouds other hygroscopic particles, from which it is hoped that better results may be obtained.

Tests will be carried out, using calcium chloride. They realise that they cannot create rain from cloudless sky and for weeks on end over drought-stricken areas all that could be expected would be small cotton-wool puffs of cumulus cloud. Some method of boosting these little clouds into potential rain-makers is being sought.

Dr. Bowen, chief of the Radio-Physics Division of the Council for Scientific Industrial Research, emphasised that details of the process involved in cloud precipitation were not completely understood and until they were it would be difficult to control rain-making.

The work may take years of painstaking research, many hours of flight tests; some of them extremely dangerous. It is possible that rain can be produced only over very limited areas and occasions on which this can be done may be rare. Existing knowledge suggests that rain can be produced only from one special type of cloud, which may not exist in sufficient quantity in the drought-stricken areas.

Finally, said Dr. Bowen, it is not known whether the rain-making process is economic. All these questions require expert analysis before any practical application of the process can be made.—Reuter.



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ECONOMIC CHANGES IN
GERMANY
Experts To Take
Over Control

Berlin, May 26.

The strongest economic power to be given the Germans since the end of the war is expected to be approved tomorrow when American and British leaders meet to discuss formation of an economic council for the two western zones.

General Lucius D. Clay, American Military Governor, will confer with Lt-Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, in an effort to determine the scope of the all-German Council.

An announcement of the Economic Council's formation will probably be made tomorrow if agreements were reached.

Lord Pakenham, British Minister for Germany, had earlier

Won't
Trade With
Japan

SINGAPORE, MAY 26.
THE BRITISH RUN SINGAPORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAS DECLARED EMPHATICALLY THAT IT WILL NOT RESUME TRADE WITH JAPAN, IT WAS DISCLOSED TODAY.

The Indian Chamber of Commerce also refuses to trade with the former enemy.

Japanese business interests have been attempting to re-establish contacts in Malaya and several Singapore firms received letters last week from Japanese firms, asking for orders.

The firm of Mitsui Bussan Kaisha said in a letter from Tokyo: "More than a year has elapsed since the dives of peace returned with eternal spring."

"Business circles here are hoping for the earliest possible revival of international trade."

Another firm, Kanamatsu and Company, wrote: "We have fortunately emerged from the war almost intact materially and with little loss of personnel, and are carrying on business as actively as before."—Reuter.

Silver Slump
In New York

New York, May 26.
Silver slumped two cents per ounce and reached the low level quoted earlier this year.

Buyers had everything their way today, London being on holiday, sellers had Tuesday's strike of at least 400,000 ounces to sell and lastly the recent Bombay enquiry for 10 million ounces has apparently vanished because Bombay could not get dollars.

Lending consumers accordingly requested tenders and showed no interest until 71 cents was tendered after which tenders were bought about 300,000 ounces.

Heretofore domestic demand and lower price buying increased at 71 cents price buyers "have their fingers crossed."

New York gold prices hardened, reflecting better demand from the Near East.—Reuter.

FORD STRIKE
POSSIBLE

Detroit, May 26.
The United Auto Workers Union today reported that negotiations with Ford Motor Company were not satisfactory and that it would call 130,000 Ford workers on a strike vote.

The disclosure came as the company was already struggling to maintain normal output in the face of a strike by 2,800 organized foremen.—United Press.

Appeal
For Peace
In China

NANKING, MAY 26.

ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S POLITICAL COUNCIL TODAY UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO SEND AN URGENT MESSAGE TO THE COUNCIL'S COMMUNIST MEMBERS, URGING THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE RESUMPTION OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.

The text of the message will be drafted tonight by the PPC President, read at tomorrow's meeting and dispatched immediately thereafter.

Furthermore, it was resolved that a special committee be formed to analyse the 18 peace proposals which have been submitted to the PPC.

Seven Communists, including their leader, General Mao Tse-tun, are members of the PPC, who have not participated in its activities for the past two years.—Reuter.

H.K. Stock
Exchange

The market was quietly steady with the exception of Cements which gained 2.

Chinese Rates 3.30 p.m.:
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Banks: H.K. & S. Bank 194 1/2 (Lm. Reg.) 112 1/2; Chartered Bank 12 1/2; Mercantile Bank A. & C. 21 1/2; Bank of East Asia 11 1/2.

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Mineral: Iron Mines 7 1/2; H.K. Mines 7 1/2.

Land, Hotels & Bldgs.: H. & S. Hotel 23 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2; H.K. Land (X. Rm.) 6 1/2, (Rights) 2 1/2; Shanghai Land (X. Rm.) 7 1/2; Hongkong Estate 23 1/2; H.K. Real Estate (X.D.) 17 1/2; Chinese Estates 19 1/2.

Public Utilities: H.K. Tramways (X.D.) 25 1/2, 25 1/2; Peak Tram (Old) 11 1/2; (New) 1 1/2; Star Ferry 11 1/2, 11 1/2; Newell Ferry 3 1/2; China Lights (Old) 15 1/2, (New) 10 1/2, 10 1/2; H.K. Electric 5 1/2, 5 1/2; Marco Electric 21 1/2; Sandakan Lights 14 1/2; Telephone (Old) 6 1/2, 6 1/2, 6 1/2, 6 1/2; (New) 5 1/2, 5 1/2, 5 1/2, 5 1/2.

Industrial: Canton Ice 7 1/2; Cements 23 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2; H.K. Ropes 14.

Stores &c.: Dairy Farms 64 1/2, 65 1/2, 65 1/2; Watsons (X.D.) 42 1/2; Lane, Crawford 43 1/2; Sincere 30 1/2, 30 1/2; China Emporium 7 1/2; Sun Co. 14 1/2; Kwong Sang Hong 65 1/2; Wing On (H.K.) 18 1/2; Wm. Powell Ltd. 17.

Miscellaneous: China Entertainment 30 1/2; H.K. Construction (Old) 8 1/2, (New) 6 1/2; Vibro Piling 6 1/2; Maram Investments 18 1/2; Maram (H.K.) 1 1/2; Cottons: Erwe 10 1/2.

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Hoover Attacks
Russian Policy

New York, May 26.

Mr. Herbert Hoover today attacked Russian and French policies with respect to Germany and recommended that the United States consider itself no longer bound by the Potsdam agreements as regards reparations and industrial policies.

In reply to a request from Representative John Taber of the House Appropriations Committee, concerning a proposal for US\$7,250,000,000 appropriations to

aid Germany, Japan and Korea, Hoover charged that the United States was at present paying reparations to Russia and France, because of their use of German production for their own purposes while the United States contributes huge sums to relief.

Mr. Hoover said: "Russia and France are taking industrial exports from their zones which under the Potsdam agreement would contribute to paying the 'god bill' in the American-British Zones. Thus we are paying reparations."

"We are shipping fertilizer for relief, which could be supplied from the French Zone. We are supplying France with Ruhr coal which could be used for manufacturing exports in Germany with which to pay for food. In view of the Russian refusal of General Marshall's able presentation at Moscow and continued violation of the Potsdam agreement, to the unity of German economy, in both Russia and France, we surely are no longer bound by that agreement as to reparations and industrial policies."

He pointed out that the United States was paying the entire bill for Japanese food imports and said: "We should at once summon a peace conference with Japan and make peace with her by as many nations as wish to adhere."

—United Press.

Last Call

Mr. Hoover outlined a detailed programme for the restoration of German and Japanese economy and charged the Russians with delay in carrying out the Potsdam agreement on Germany. He urged a "last call" to Russia and France for the carrying out of the Potsdam agreement, but added: "In any event we should immediately carry out the present project of a temporary centralized German Government over the American and British Zones, subject to our military direction."

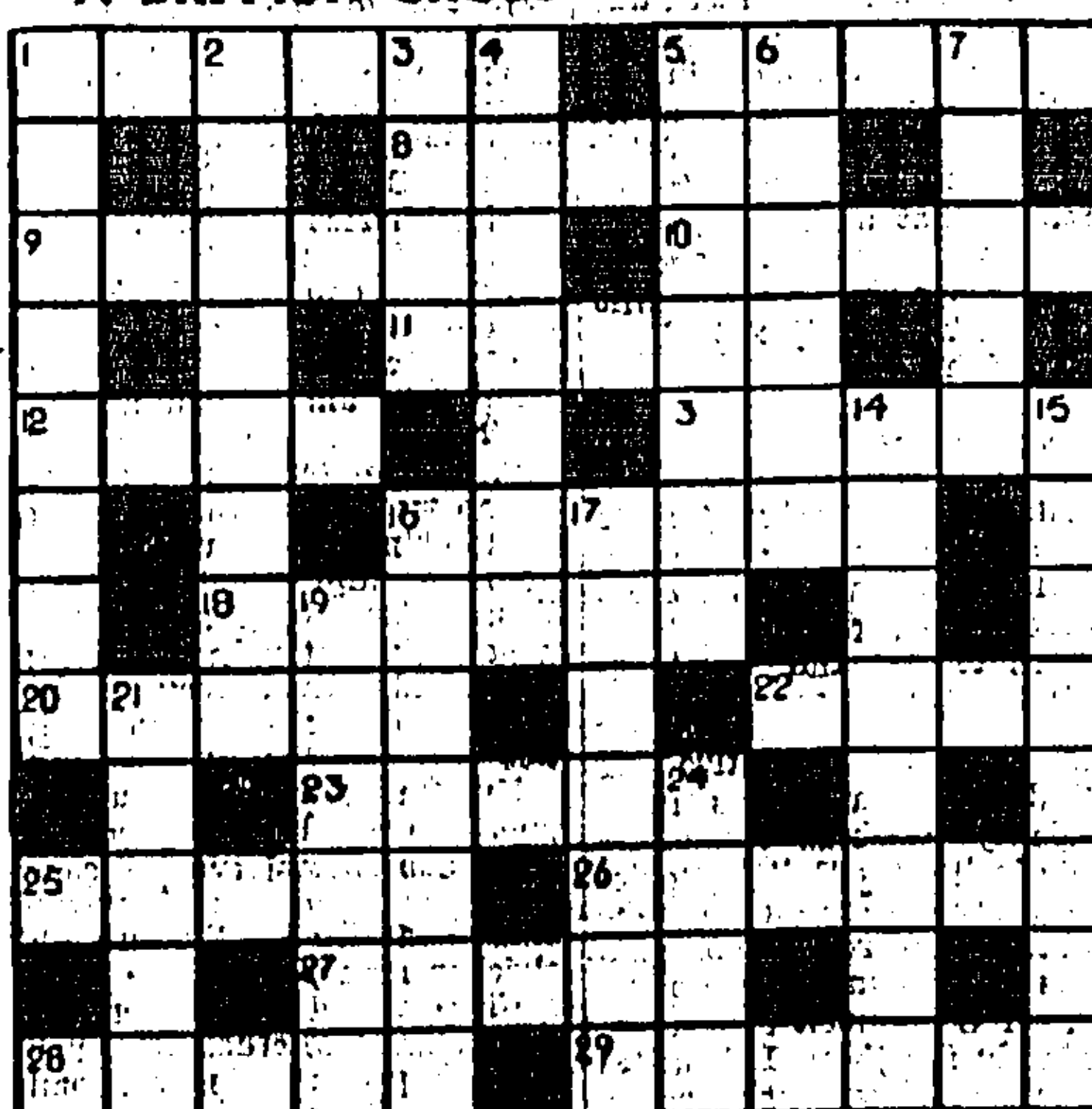
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Clues Across

- Wild confusion.
- Adorn.
- Assembly.
- Aviator.
- Stratagem.
- Denude.
- Violent.
- Wind.
- Footy.
- Stick to.
- Angels.
- Mode of address.
- Dupe.
- Ventures.
- Cat.
- Award.
- Question.
- Flank.
- Stuck out.
- Shut.

Clues Down

- Boaster.
- Abandoned.
- Exclamation.
- Remark.
- Rescue.
- Harvester.
- Urg.
- Ask.
- Inquired.
- Info.
- Boings into.
- Being.
- Unbeliever.
- Master.
- Peculiarly.
- Of speech.
- Amphibian.

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